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## MP confident insurers will renew policy on flood-risk properties

By **Marijke Cox**

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SEVERE wet weather has sparked fresh calls for the Government to draw up a new pact with insurers to protect the borough's flood-risk properties from sky-high premiums.

People living in Sittingbourne and Sheppey, which is in the top 10 most at-risk areas of the UK, could face rocketing insurance costs or will be unable to get covered altogether if the current deal is not renewed.

The existing contract – due to run out in June 2013 – obliges insurers to provide cover for flood-risk homes as long as the Government improves flood defences.

According to figures from the Association of British Insurers, some 4,295 properties are currently under threat of flooding in Sittingbourne and Sheppey.

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An e-petition has been set up by the Labour Party in Folkestone and Hythe – another at-risk area – calling for a new deal to ensure protection of Kent's most threatened homes.

But while pressure mounts, Tory MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, Gordon Henderson says he is confident the agreement will be renewed before the expiry date.

His comments follow a speech in the House of Commons by environment secretary Caroline Spelman who reassured MPs that the Government was in "constructive" negotiations with the insurance industry regarding the renewal of the contract.

Mr Henderson said he was positive a renewed agreement would be implemented before next June.

He also stressed that much of the flood-risk area in his constituency was



**TORCH**

## LIGHTING OUR LIVES

THE crowds were kept waiting, but in the end it was all worth it, as thousands lined the streets of Faversham to welcome the Olympic Torch Relay to Swale.

Torchbearers arrived in Love

Lane just after 5pm yesterday afternoon and carried it through the town centre, before it was carried in convoy towards Challock.

For full pictures from across Kent, see inside.

**EVENTS**

### Hope grows for festival

BUSINESSES are gearing up for this year's Faversham Hop Festival – the annual event which pulls in thousands of visitors to the town.

Taking place in September, traders are looking to cash-in with a host of innovative products specially designed for the festival.

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**ECONOMY**

### True cost of all this rain

THE multi-million pound cost to the county's economy as a result of four months of almost non-stop rain is revealed in a special report inside this week's edition of YourSwale. Farming, sport, tourism and shops have all been hit hard as the downpours blow a hole in Kent's finances.

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### Brickies joy at squad plans

SITTINGBOURNE FC joint bosses Danny and Jim Ward say plans are progressing well for their first season in charge of the Ryman League side.

The brothers have had to recruit almost a full squad since taking over, but say the response has been good ahead of kick-off.

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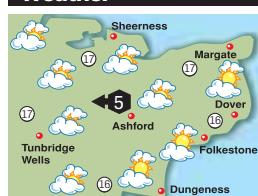
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## Weather



**TODAY:** Bright with sunny spells, but also the chance of an isolated shower. The sunshine will be hazy at times. Light easterly winds. Max temp 16-19°C (61-66°F).

## TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

	Max	Min
Dover	00.54	6.4
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St Mary's	06.51	5.4

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Friday	Max 20C	Min 11C

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## OLYMPICS

# Excitement of torch relay

THOUSANDS turned the streets of Kent into a non-stop party this week as the county enjoyed an injection of the feel-good factor thanks to the arrival of the Olympic Torch Relay.

The iconic Olympic flame spent three days in the county – more than any other in the UK – as it neared the end of its 70-day, 8,000 mile trek across the nation.

It arrived for a brief visit to Swale yesterday afternoon, as it was carried through the streets of Faversham.

And next Friday it will enter the Olympic Stadium, officially spark the start of London 2012.

But this week it was all about the torch being shown the very best in Kentish hospitality – with lavish overnight stops in Dover on Wednesday night and Maidstone on Thursday, where it was given a warm welcome and the crowds entertained by entertainers such as the Rizzle Kicks.

The stars of the week, however, were the torchbearers, as they enjoyed their moment to shine when they carried the torch through the streets.

Finding sunshine and crowds in Tunbridge Wells on Tues-



Picture: LOOG



day, an off-shoot of the flame was even carried to Tonbridge Castle by Hildenborough dou-

ble-gold winner Kelly Holmes. It emerged in Kent once more on Wednesday, working its

way along the south coast.

And the turn-out proved valuable to local shops too, with town centres bustling and eager to pick up the extra custom.

David Jukes, leader of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, said: "It was a fantastic day, a once-in-a-lifetime celebration. The people of Tunbridge Wells did us proud turning out in such great numbers."

The torch leaves Kent later today (Friday) after travelling through the Medway towns.

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**RELAY:** Clockwise from top left: Skipping the torch through Hamstreet, near Ashford; Tracey Emin outside the Turner Contemporary in Margate; Dame Kelly Holmes carried an off-shoot flame to Tonbridge Castle; the evening stop over on Dover seafront; an inspirational runner in Tunbridge Wells; crowds in the royal town; Folkestone's runner is cheered on; Rizzle Kicks provided evening entertainment; a visit to Dover Castle; A policeman waves to the excited crowds gathered in Ashford; where many children had gathered to wave their flags; 1948 runner Frank Verge took his torch to Tonbridge Castle



## FLOODING

### Time is running out for flood risk homes

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uninhabited and that extensive flood defences put in place on the north coast of Sheppey meant there was good protection.

"Having said that, one road at risk of flooding is still one road too many, so I'm hopeful the agreement will be put in place quickly, particularly with the recent wet weather," he said. "I'm confident a new agreement will be in place before June next year."

The e-petition calls on the Government to renew the existing deal. If it collects 100,000 signatures it will prompt a debate in Parliament.

Labour member Peter Wallace, who set up the e-petition, said: "People in high-risk areas need assurance now to know their homes are secure. Rumours are circulating a number of insurance companies are preparing to hike insurance pre-

miums after the agreement expires, which will leave many unable to afford insurance."

In Kent, some 34,000 homes are at risk of flooding.

Environment secretary Caroline Spelman reassured MPs households would be protected.

"We are at an advanced stage in negotiations with the insurance industry on alternative arrangements for when the statement of principles expires this time next year," she said.

Otto Thoresen, director general of the ABI, said insurers wanted to make sure households had access to affordable insurance, adding: "We are running out of time to make sure people in high-risk areas are properly protected from the devastation flooding can cause and the ball is now in the Government's court."

■ See the site <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/35593> to sign the e-petition.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ► Cannabis charge

A MAN has been charged with producing cannabis on Sheppey.

It follows a police raid on a property on July 12 after a tip-off that cannabis plants were being grown.

Matthew Joseph Burden, 32, of Chequers Road, Minster on Sea, is charged with producing the controlled drug.

He will appear at Maidstone Magistrates Court on August 8.

### ► Messing about on boats

BOATS will line Faversham Creek this weekend for the Faversham Nautical Festival.

Thames barges, smacks and traditional boats will all be on display as part of the event, organised by the Kentish Sail Association.

The festival, which runs from 10am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday, will feature music at TS Hazard, the town quay and Front Brents.

There will also be displays from the Cambria Trust and other maritime groups.

### ► Jobs open day success

MORE than 400 jobseekers attended pharmaceutical company Aesica's open day this month.

The drugs firm is creating 100 new jobs by 2015 as part of expansion plans at its Queenborough site.

Jobseekers learnt more about the roles being created and spoke to senior staff.

Unemployed former steel worker Mick Gisby from Sheppey said: "I have been out of work since January so attending this open day has really felt like a positive step."

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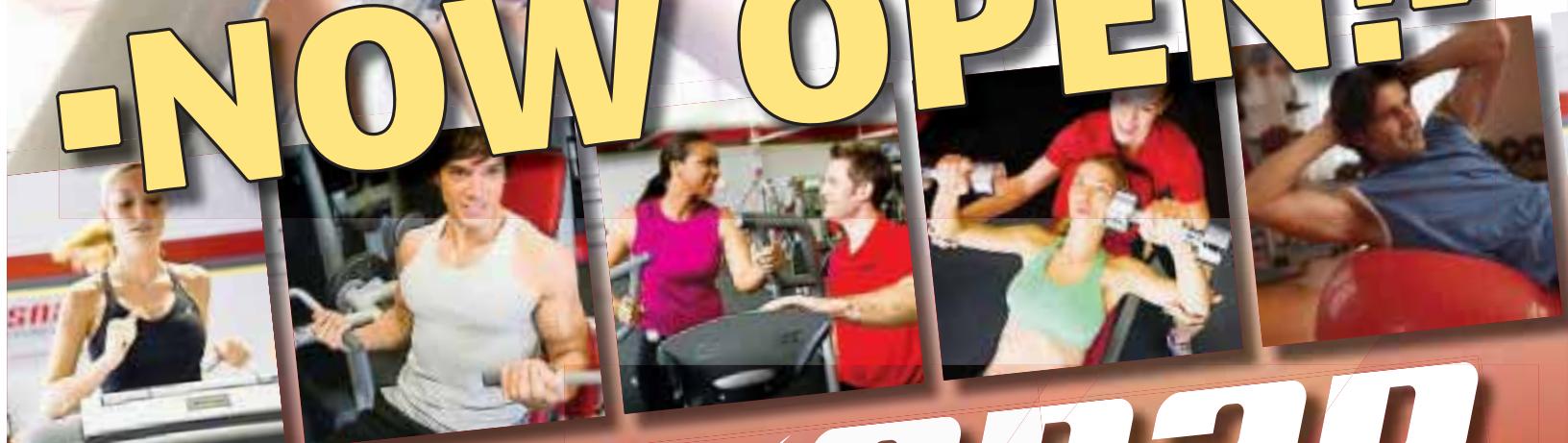
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## CAMPAIGN

# DRINK warns: We must be ready to act if airport takes off or nose dives

By **Marijke Cox**

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PEOPLE power is emerging in the Thames Estuary airport campaign, with protesters setting up a commission to discuss the controversial issue.

In a rally call, pressure group Demand Regeneration in North Kent (DRINK) urged political leaders to get involved in a "grown up" debate on the vital issue.

Chairman Neville Gaunt said DRINK had formed a commission of interested local people to find out the answers to the key question: What will the impact be from the hub airport?

He stressed that, whatever the final outcome, the area needed to be ready.

"As the time draws near for the Government to publish its consultation document on aviation policy, there is a growing belief that our communities need to be prepared to face the consequences of the decision," he said.

"If the green light is given for one or other of the proposals, we will have to be ready with our response as failure to do this will mean we cannot hope to get the best deal for our people."

"If the ideas which impact directly on north Kent are all turned down, we will have to find ways, using little or no public cash, to generate the prosperity we desperately need to eliminate poverty and give our children a positive future."

Members of DRINK stress the group is neither pro nor anti-airport, with their agenda being to create jobs and prosperity in the area.

Campaign director at DRINK, Clive Lawrence, said all people want is a resolution. He said: "This



**FACTS:** The regeneration group says it's important we know all the facts surrounding the airport plan

isn't about pro or anti-airport – this is about being prepared and getting the best of what we can from whatever outcome there is.

"We want more jobs and more prosperity; a better future for everyone. Some of us at DRINK think an airport will deliver that and some of us think it won't – but we need to find out."

"How can we say yes or no until we have more information?"

"This is why we've set up a commission, to find out the facts from people who know."

He said a report would be published in around a month's time ahead of the Government consultation, which was delayed for a second time last week.

The anticipated review, which is wanted from both supporters and opposition of the airport, was first scheduled for March and pushed back until July. Now it has been delayed again, this time until the autumn.

Mr Lawrence accused politicians of dithering, calling them "cowards" for not pushing ahead with a decision over the controversial issue.

Anti-airport campaigners said this delay had once again left the people of north Kent in limbo.

A spokesman for Protect Kent, the county's branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, said it was extremely disappointed.

"We feel that the sooner the consultation is held, the sooner we can get these plans dismissed

and residents of north Kent will know they are safe from this potentially environmentally devastating proposal," he said.

Options for an estuary airport include 'Boris Island' – London Mayor Boris Johnson's proposal for an airport on reclaimed land off the north Kent coast. Another is from architect Lord Foster, who released plans for an international transport hub on Grain.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Free kids' face painting

CHILDREN will be able to get their face painted for free at two special events being hosted by The Forum shopping centre this summer holiday.

The Sittingbourne complex will have a face painter on hand between 11am to 4pm on both August 10 and 25. Centre manager Colin Bell said: "This is a great opportunity to keep the kids entertained whilst adults do their shopping and even better, it won't cost a thing."

## Russian team join fun

RUSSIAN Olympic stars joined the thousands on the streets of Faversham for the Olympic Torch Relay yesterday.

The equestrian eventing team have been preparing for London 2012 with a training camp at Eyehorn Farm near Sittingbourne.

They joined in the fun on Thursday and also this week attended a civic reception hosted by Swale council's top brass – among them the mayor, leader and chief executive.

## Demelza charity effort

A CHARITY team will pound the streets next week as part of a major 30-mile fundraising effort in aid of Bobbing-based children's hospice Demelza.

The purple-clad team from Reynolds Fitness Spa will run and ride from its club in Bexley to Sittingbourne High Street. The feat gets under way at 11.30am on Friday and is expected to be complete by 4pm.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

## Anticipation soars for hop festival

BUSINESS is gearing up for Faversham Hop Festival as months of preparation builds for the town's biggest weekend.

The annual event, which draws thousands of visitors, takes place across the weekend of September 1-2.

And businesses are gearing up to ensure they cash in.

Harvey Alexander, who runs the model shop in West Street, is looking at a gift with a difference – a model rail truck bearing the festival's distinctive hop logo.

He said: "If the model is a success then it is something we can produce for succeeding

festivals, also coming up with something different as time moves on."

Also innovating is Nick Green, owner of Jittermugs in Preston Street. He's busily producing treats including a Hop Festival Fruit Blast drink made with lime and passion fruit, which he hopes will get taste buds racing.

Mr Green and his team are also perfecting a sandwich to reflect the festival colours.

He added: "We have designed festival postcards and we'll be devising a menu to identify with the weekend. Last year was overwhelming

but having had the experience we know how to cope. I'm looking forward to it."

Chris Barkaway is already planning for the 2,000 speciality pies and countless sausage rolls needed for the shop and the stall his long-established butchers operates.

His stall has been to every one of the 23 festivals and, next to Christmas, he says it is the town's busiest period.

Mr Barkaway said: "The hop festival brings a lot of people who wouldn't necessarily stop here. They see what Faversham has to offer and they come back."



SUNK: Many businesses now counting the cost

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**SPECIAL REPORT by Marijke Cox**

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IN APRIL of this year, an official drought was declared.

Hosepipes were banned, farmers were in despair and fears were the county would struggle to recover this year.

No-one could have imagined that just days later the skies would open and deliver a downpour that would last on and off for months, leaving the Kent economy with a bill potentially running into the millions.

Experts from the Country Land and Business Association told this newspaper the overall cost to the county's rural industry alone since April was £3.5 million. Adding to that losses made in tourism, retail and sporting events, that figure is likely to triple leaving a huge hole in Kent's economy.

Popular tourist attractions have experienced a major drop in visitors, festival organisers expecting sell-out shows have struggled to get rid of tickets, and sports clubs – particularly cricket – have admitted losing hundreds of thousands of pounds due to low crowd turnouts and washouts.

Just last week the Kent County Show was forced to close its gates for the first time in 83 years after torrential rain turned car parks into mud baths. Visitor numbers were down 17,000 on last year and organisers hinted at a loss of more than £300,000.

But perhaps more worrying is the impact on small, independent traders already struggling to recover from the current economic crisis.

Business experts warn the recent wet weather could bang the final nail in the coffin for many.

Farmers growing soft fruit have seen their produce damaged by rain and fungal moulds caused by damp, and local farmer and NFU member Kevin Attwood said if the rain contin-

**ECONOMY**

# Ten million reasons as to why our economy is paying the price for a summer of downpours



A WASHOUT: Agriculture has been hit very badly

ues it will be "disastrous" for arable crops.

Chief executive of the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce Jo James said the overall cost was probably incalculable.

"To even estimate the cost of the miserable summer weather to business in Kent is well nigh impossible; the only thing that can be said is that it is very high," she said.

"The ramifications are widely spread. Doubtless the major sufferer is agriculture; unless crops are in a controlled environment under glass or

plastic, the impact is severe – even where crop yields are not affected, which many are, harvesting is a nightmare. Animal husbandry also suffers, winter forage crops and harvesting are affected, and efficient management of pastures under sodden ground conditions is difficult. The damage goes much deeper than just physical effects to the land, however.

"I know that all retailers are failing to experience the usual increase in customer numbers associated with the summer season, and clothes retailers especially are finding that summer fashions are not moving well."

Tourism has also suffered a major knock with outdoor attractions seeing drops in visitors.

Latest research from tourism board Visit Kent shows that in May alone visits to the county's gardens were down 30 per cent and heritage attractions 14 per cent.

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OUR prayers for sunshine may soon be answered with weather forecasters predicting warmer climes for the next few weeks.

This gives us the perfect opportunity to help all those affected by the miserable weather and give our local economy a much-needed boost.

So get out and visit your favourite tourist attractions, go and watch some sport or pay a visit to the often forgotten, but frequently inspiring high street.

And with the school holidays upon us, families should take advantage of days off to enjoy all the delights our county has to offer.

You don't have to spend a lot to give the economy a lift, so let's help each other to bring a bit more sunshine to Kent's businesses.

"It will really encourage our many Olympic Games visitors to get out and about in the county and discover all of the great places to visit."

But while some are optimistic the Olympics could help boost the hard-hit Kent economy, others are not so sure.

Kent and Medway chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses, Roger House, stressed the wet weather would have hit small traders hard and the Olympics would be unlikely to help with recovery.

"It's pretty obvious people haven't been going out as much, but it's the retail side that will have suffered the most," he said.

"People are always going to buy their food and so supermarkets, which sell a range of stuff, will be okay. It's the high street that will suffer.

"There will be no impulse buys and people will go to the big indoor shopping centres. I imagine it has hit smaller shops very hard."

"Many will have bought in stock and not be able to get rid of it. While they may make money back eventually, it's the initial cash flow that's the problem and that is crucial to a small business."

"It's banging the final nail in the coffin which will have a knock-on effect on employment. The ripple effect could be horrendous."

Sports clubs have also been hit hard.

Kent County Cricket Club saw losses in excess of £50,000 in just one week when Tunbridge Wells Cricket Week was washed out by rain.

And chief executive Jamie Clifford said a combination of poor sales of tickets, and food and beverages at the ground could see the club battling a six-figure loss.

"We can't just put more days on as it's all run on a schedule. It's very hard to recoup money back. The crowds have really been affected. If half of the day is going to be a washout, people won't come."

Mr Clifford said he was hoping the sun would be out for Canterbury Cricket Week next month.

## Traders hit hard after county show mud bath sees 17,000 less visitors

ORGANISERS of the Kent County Show are offering tickets to next year's event to pre-booked ticket holders who were unable to attend last week because of the rain.

It followed three days of muddy chaos where car parks had to be closed due to torrential downpours. After just three hours of the first day gates were closed to the

public wishing to drive in.

Despite work to improve the parking conditions, including laying 200 tonnes of bark chippings, visitors were urged to travel by bus or taxi which stopped many from attending.

On the third day the damage had already been done and organisers decided to close the show at 4pm instead of 6pm.

Visitor numbers were down

17,000 from 67,000 in 2011, to 50,000 this year and reports are financial losses could be in excess of £300,000.

Chairman of the Federation for Small Businesses, Roger House, said those trading at the event would have suffered hugely. He said: "It's not just on the day, but all the unseen costs in planning and time out of the office."

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In 2009, visitors contributed more than £2.6 billion to the county's economy. A reduction in visitor numbers over three of the most crucial months is likely to have left a huge dent in the economy.

But Visit Kent chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh said while the rainy weather has meant a slow start for tourism business, hopes of a sunny spell – forecast to kick-in this weekend – could be about to come true.

"A good period of settled warm weather now will help us all catch up.

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## COMMUNITY

# Web film hopes to capture more visitors

**By Chrissie Daniels**

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A FILM capturing the best of Faversham has been released in an effort to boost the town's tourism trade.

A Great Day Out is a six-minute video showcasing all the town has to offer, from places to eat and shop to attractions to visit.

More than 80 people packed out the café gallery at Creek Creative in Abbey Street at a meeting last week for the grand unveiling of the video, which Faversham.org had commissioned. The website hired director Ed Boyle and his producer partner Jane Ladds to create the film, which was recorded in May.

The idea came after Lucy Guthrie, manager of the faversham.org website, saw the town was not represented on YouTube.

She said: "We felt we could really put something together to promote visiting Faversham."

Faversham.org is an online guide to the area and provides free pages for charities, clubs and societies.

Ms Guthrie hopes the film will not only bring tourism to the area, but encourage businesses to create their own promotional videos.

Faversham Traders chair Sharon Yates said: "The Great Day Out in Faversham film features many shops, businesses and attractions and highlights the extent to which they make up the town's appeal and identity.

"Our businesses not only provide essential services to the community, but also attract shop-



**BEAUTY:** The film not only captures the historic beauty of Faversham, it also highlights the many traders and opportunities in the town

**VIEW ONLINE**



HUNDREDS have already flocked to internet video site YouTube to watch the clip on Faversham, just days after it was released. And here's how you can join them.

The film – A Great Day Out – captures the diversity of the town, and includes shopkeepers opening up, artists,

swimmers at the pool and clips from the recent historic vehicle weekend which attracted thousands to the town. In addition, there are scenes capturing the tranquil beauty of the Oare Marshes.

Visit: <http://bit.ly/LvsQmL> to view the video clip for yourself.

pers and visitors from a wider area. They realise Faversham is both a lovely place to visit and a town which meets their shopping needs."

Ms Guthrie said the response to the video has been phenomenal, with more than 500 views on YouTube already.

One comment on the site read: "I live here and there's so much to do and see, my heart is with this historic place."

During last week's meeting Ms Yates gave a presentation on the value of the town's traders working together.

Ms Guthrie said: "The evening was an absolute success with many businesses represented. Not only was it informative, it was a wonderful

way for businesses to meet one another and network. The buzz and energy in the room was fabulous and I was so encouraged by the positive feel of the evening that even the rain couldn't dampen. There is such a feeling of collaboration and positivity amongst the traders."

Also revealed at the meeting were key findings from a recent public consultation into the town.

The consultation found residents like shopping in Faversham because they find staff friendly and helpful.

They also like its range of independent businesses but want to see a men's clothes shop.

The results of the Faversham 2020 Town Action Plan consultation will be out later this year.



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## EDUCATION

## Football stars of the future learn new skills at academy

By James Benjamin

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BUDGING young David Beckhams and Theo Walcotts are set to emerge from a new hotbed of football talent as they finish off their studies and brush-up their skills at Sittingbourne Community College.

Sittingbourne Football Academy has only been up and running for a year, and last week it cemented its relationship with the town's senior non-league side as the academy team locked horns on the pitch.

Although poor weather forced the match to be called off due to a water-logged pitch with the game at half-time showing Ryman League Sittingbourne leading 2-0.

However, all the academy players and their guests were invited to the Brickies' Bourne Park ground for both the club and academy to learn more about what each could offer.

A spokesman for the school said: "The academy is very hopeful that some of the foot-



CHALLENGE: Football academy students put through their paces

ballers will go on to play in the Sittingbourne first team this season and we will continue to become a regular scouting ground in the future."

The Sittingbourne Football Academy offers more than six hours of coaching a week, along with a weekly game in the Youth Conference. Those taking part can combine their love of the game with a sound academic course by studying A-levels at Sittingbourne Community College.

Year 11 student Ronnie Ward said: "I am going to be a squad member of Sittingbourne Football Academy and I am also going to study maths A-level and sport BTEC level 3. Football does not affect studies in any way.

"Having a football academy at Sittingbourne Community College is a great opportunity for young football players because they are able to play football and have excellent academic studies available."

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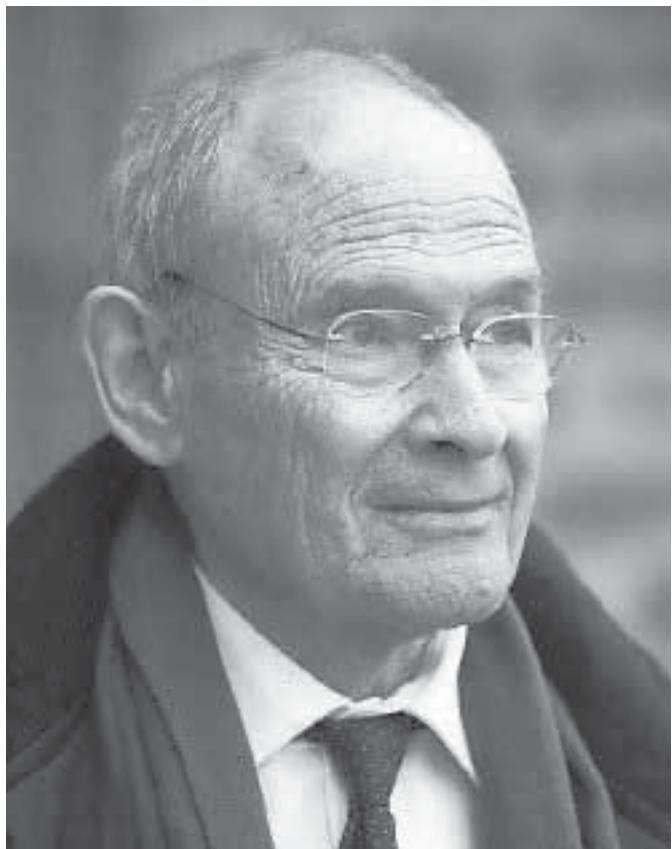
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BRUTAL TRUTH: Professor Lob was only 11 when he was taken to Bergen-Belsen

## EDUCATION

# Children learn true horrors of Nazi concentration camp from survivor of Holocaust

By Chrissie Daniels

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A SURVIVOR of one of the notorious Nazi concentration camps made a moving presentation to youngsters this week, explaining the horror of the Holocaust.

Professor Ladislaus Lob, 79, visited Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Faversham last week as part of its Holocaust Awareness Day events.

The professor gave an hour-long talk to 120 Year 9 students about his time spent at the West German concentration camp Bergen-Belsen that saw thousands die.

Mr Lob was born in Hungary, but in 1944, aged just 11, he was sent to the camp along with his father and 1,700 Hungarian Jews. His mother had died of TB.

He was sent to the camp by Nazi SS Lieutenant Colonel Adolf Eichmann – one of the major organisers of the Holocaust.

Notorious for its overcrowding,

the camp had originally been built for 5,000 prisoners; primarily to use in exchange for German prisoners of war.

However, it would end up holding more than 50,000 as the Nazis waged their ideological war.

Remarkably, he was released five months later after a deal brokered between Eichmann and Hungarian Jew Rudolf Kastner.

Along with his father, Lob fled from Germany into the relative safety of Switzerland, where he lived for 19 years.

His exploits were captured in a book he penned about Kastner's rescue called Dealing with Satan.

Prof Lob said: "Belsen got worse after I left, but it was bad enough.

"We were crammed into wooden huts; 100 people in a room sleeping in bunks infested with bugs and bed lice."

He said despite the situation they could do more or less what they wanted. His group was made up of

scientists, artists and poets.

One of the infamous rituals of the camps was roll-call.

Prof Lob said: "We would stand outside in any sort of weather sometimes for two, three hours. We did not know what was happening to the people left behind or what was going to happen to us."

After moving to England in 1963, he taught German at the University of Sussex in Brighton, where he now lives with his wife Sheila.

He has spent recent months speaking to children at schools as part of the Holocaust Educational Trust to raise awareness of the tragedy.

History teacher Michael Salvage said: "The personal stories of these people are more productive than any history book or any lesson. The pupils were absolutely brilliant and asked encouraging questions, it was a productive day."

"I think holocaust education is one of the most important things I can ever teach."

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**A**THIS is unusual, unless there is something you have not mentioned.

The basic rule is that cardholders can be held responsible for a maximum of £50 if the card was used by someone else without their permission.

Perhaps the card company believes you used the card and are trying to sidestep the bill. Perhaps it believes you let someone else use your card, while you could prove you were elsewhere. Or did a family member know where you kept the card?

You have not mentioned the PIN. Did anyone else know your number? When the card was misused – and if so, did you have it written down with the card?

Tell the bank you dispute the demand. Ask for the bank's evidence, and mention everything I have said. Then, if you and your friends and family seem to be in the clear, appeal to the Financial Ombudsman (0800 023 4567).

**Q**SOME years ago, I took in a lodger and was allowed to charge rent of £80 a week without paying income tax.

I am thinking of doing the same thing again, so has the tax-free figure been increased?

**A**SORRY, but this tax exemption has been frozen at £4,250 a year, or just over £81 a week.

**Q**MY son's business collapsed and he may be made bankrupt. He had told us that if all else failed, he could retire after being discharged from bankruptcy, but now he is very worried as it seems he could lose his pension.

His mother and I cannot afford much help as we are both over 80.

**A**I AM afraid the law is a mess on whether the pension plan of someone who goes bankrupt can be seized for their creditors.

In 1999, Parliament passed a law that said anyone going bankrupt could be ordered to make payments from their income – including pension – for up to three years.

However, a recent court case has gone further.

A man in his late-50s went bankrupt, and the court decided to behave as if his pension had begun. He was ordered to take a quarter of his pension plan in a lump sum and hand it over,

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with three years of pension on top even though he had not drawn it.

This makes the law a gamble. If your son is old enough to draw on his pension savings, he can be forced to do so. If he is younger, he can't.

There may be an appeal, but this is where we stand now. If your son can draw his pension, he may lose a big chunk of it. Sad, but true.

**Q**IS IT legally possible to turn down a bequest under someone's will?

I have been told a relative has left me something in his will that I do not want. He is still alive, so should I reject it now? This could be a problem as I am not supposed to know that I am a beneficiary.

**A**THIS is not as rare a situation as you might think. For example, beneficiaries often turn down bequests that involve expense, such as a timeshare or a property that would cost more to repair than it is worth.

You could try to hint to the relative now that the bequest would be unwelcome. But if this does not work, you are perfectly entitled to reject it later.

**Q**I REQUESTED my cash Isa be transferred to the Royal Bank of Scotland.

A month later, it had not happened. I was told to fill in a form, but now I have not received the form, either. Will I lose interest on my money for these lost weeks?

**A**BANKS are supposed to complete Isa transfers within 15 working days.

The fault may lie with the original bank dragging its feet over switching your money to RBS.

Do complain, and make clear you are not prepared to lose the interest.

Incidentally, some companies such as Halifax and Nationwide say they will pay interest from the day you apply to move your Isa to them, even though they have not yet got your cash.

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## At risk of flooding? Then you need to be prepared

Thousands of homes have already been flooded this summer, and more may yet be hit, says **ADAM AIKEN**

**By Adam Aiken**

MyMoney24 editor

INSURERS have spent the past few weeks dealing with claims from across the country as the wet weather has continued.

The flooding has been on a scale not seen for several years, and there is no reason to think the problems are all over yet.

People who have been victims of the bad weather will have started down the path of trying to put their lives back together, but it is important for people who have not been affected to remain wary of the situation. Their luck could yet change.

Even if you live in a part of the country that does not seem at serious risk, sudden storms can cause flash floods and localised problems.

"Homeowners who think they may be at risk can take steps to minimise the effects of any potential damage," said Tim Downes a claims-consultant manager at Lloyds TSB.

"As well as monitoring local news and weather updates, homeowners should look at home insurance policy documents to check their cover details should they need to make a claim."

There are fears the number of flood-related claims will lead to higher home-insurance premiums in the future.

Lloyds TSB reported a 52pc increase in storm-related claims last month compared with a year earlier, and a 50-fold increase in flood claims.

Ian Clark, insurance partner at Deloitte, said: "Previous experience has shown that wide-scale flooding has a significant impact on the level of claims borne by insurance companies, and in recent years has tipped them into losses for their household accounts. The overall impact of this will almost certainly be further premium rises for policyholders as insurers seek to recover the losses they have made."

The current problems coincide with the five-year anniversary of the floods in 2007 that caused nearly £2.5bn of losses to the insurance industry.

But Carole Gallagher, head of property claims at Aviva, said there was no simple link between a set of claims and future premiums.

"As far as claim volumes are concerned, the recent bad weather is not comparable to the claims experience of summer 2007," she said.

"Premiums are based on a long-term view of weather-related claims.



### IF YOU HAVE BEEN FLOODED...

- Get in touch with your insurance company and report any damage as soon as possible. Photographs of the damage might help speed along a claim, and keep any ruined property because your insurer might want to inspect it.
- Listen to local weather reports in case further rainfall is forecast.
- Do not reconnect any of your mains supplies until they have been checked by qualified engineers. Similarly, make sure any appliances have fully dried out and have been checked by a qualified electrician or a Gas-Safe registered engineer before using them. Do not attempt to redecorate before your home has fully dried out.

### IF YOU ARE AT RISK...

- Turn off your gas, electricity and water mains supplies, and unplug any electrical items.
- If you have more than one storey, take as many of your things upstairs as possible. Electrical items in particular should be taken upstairs, as well as expensive items, sentimental possessions that cannot be replaced and furniture.
- If possible, put sandbags outside doors, airbricks and windows.
- Put the lid down on the loo and put something heavy, such as bricks, on top to stop the water coming in that way. Likewise, put plugs in baths and sinks and weight them down. If you do not have a sandbag, try a pillowcase or a plastic bag weighed down with some soil.
- Listen to the radio for weather updates.
- Think about pets – are they out of harm's way, and do you have some food and water for them?
- If you have waterproof plastic bags, use them to seal documents such as your insurance policy and any other emergency or medical details you might need. If you need to leave your home, take it with you – along with any medication.
- Are your neighbours fully prepared? In particular, do any vulnerable or elderly people living nearby need any help?

"One weather event on its own does not usually have a wide-ranging impact on premiums, and as far as flood is concerned, we consider each property individually."

This summer's problems have once again highlighted potential problems for tens of thousands of homeowners next year.

On July 1, the obligation for insur-

ers to offer flood coverage to all properties will expire.

Mohammad Khan, insurance partner at PwC, said: "Given the recent weather, it is likely that the owners of 200,000 properties exposed to flood risk might find it unaffordable to purchase protection. Homeowners may have to do more personally to protect their properties."

## OPINION

# Stopping the gerrymandering

Matthew Graham proposes a new reform for the House of Lords where only those with experience get to wield the power to oppose government

THE recent Parliamentary debate on House of Lords reform did more to suck the life out of the coalition government than it did to give the Mother of Parliaments the much needed kiss of life.

All agreed on the need for surgery, but this piece of legislation was a hysterectomy to cure a hernia.

The legislation was a disaster and rightly opposed.

This reform is constitutional constipation, an impasse in which all the king's horses and men cannot produce a meaningful settlement, meaning 650 MPs and more than 800 Peers are going around in circles.

The political establishment has fallen between two equally unworkable ideas of an elected or appointed second chamber, or even a hybrid of the two.

In the debate the Liberal Democrat Simon Hughes challenged Graham Stringer, La-

bour, to come up with an alternative, but no one did. Well if you can't pull the sword from the stone it's time to let someone else try.

The issues are well known. An elected second chamber challenges the primacy of the first, or if the electorate show no interest, it will lack the very legitimacy a vote should convey.

Any election will strengthen the party machine in one huge step backwards. The appointment system however serves the party and Prime Minister of the day.

The accusation is always one of cronyism. Between this rock and a hard place the problem is not that our MPs cannot think outside the box, but rather they cannot follow the logic of their own principles.

The objective is to create an independent second chamber, free from patronage, the party machine, the auction of an election, enjoying public confi-

dence, which is capable of revising government legislation. So why not design a solution to match?

The answer is to populate the second chamber with only those people who have served in the first but to do this by right.

As a right it will be to our constitution as 'habeas corpus' is to the law.

Anyone who has served as an MP in the first chamber can, upon losing their seat, claim the right to enter the second. Every MP will have stood before the electorate, possibly several times.

A landslide election automatically sends more Peers into the second chamber from the other political traditions, hence a natural built in check and balance.

Who better to scrutinise government legislation than the people who know how government works and with the expe-

rience of writing it? After all, if MPs are not good enough to do this much, what are they doing there in the first place?

The party machine and patronage disappears entirely from the second chamber. As a Peer that person becomes wholly independent.

They will not be allowed to serve as Ministers in a government, which is a form of electoral fraud. There is no rivalry to the Commons. It is a completely transparent system.

Some people will feel Lords reform is not urgent, but our current crises have been created through an all-powerful executive in a weak Parliament.

This way the second chamber is renewed as an independent revising body to correct the executive free from the stain of party and patronage, or the electoral auction, and maybe tackling our current crises begins with getting the constitution right?



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Fill the second chamber with only those who have served in the first

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WITH any luck, by the time you read this the sun will be out, our high streets packed and our tourist attractions doing a roaring trade. And after four months of non-stop rain we all, surely, deserve it.

In a year when the economy was already savagely biting at us all, it was particularly cruel the weather should conspire against us too and blow such a gaping hole in the county's economy.

As a result, it has never been more important to back the county's traders and tourism hot-spots. We urge all of our readers to make a special effort to invest in the local economy over the remainder of the summer to help plug the gap left by what so far has been a wash-out of a summer.

## Torch lights up Kent

WHATEVER your view on the Olympic Games, the sight of thousands of people welcoming the iconic flame through our streets this week has been heartening.

Hopefully the feel-good factor it generated will continue for the rest of the summer. Just cross your fingers it will be bathed in beautiful, warm sunshine.

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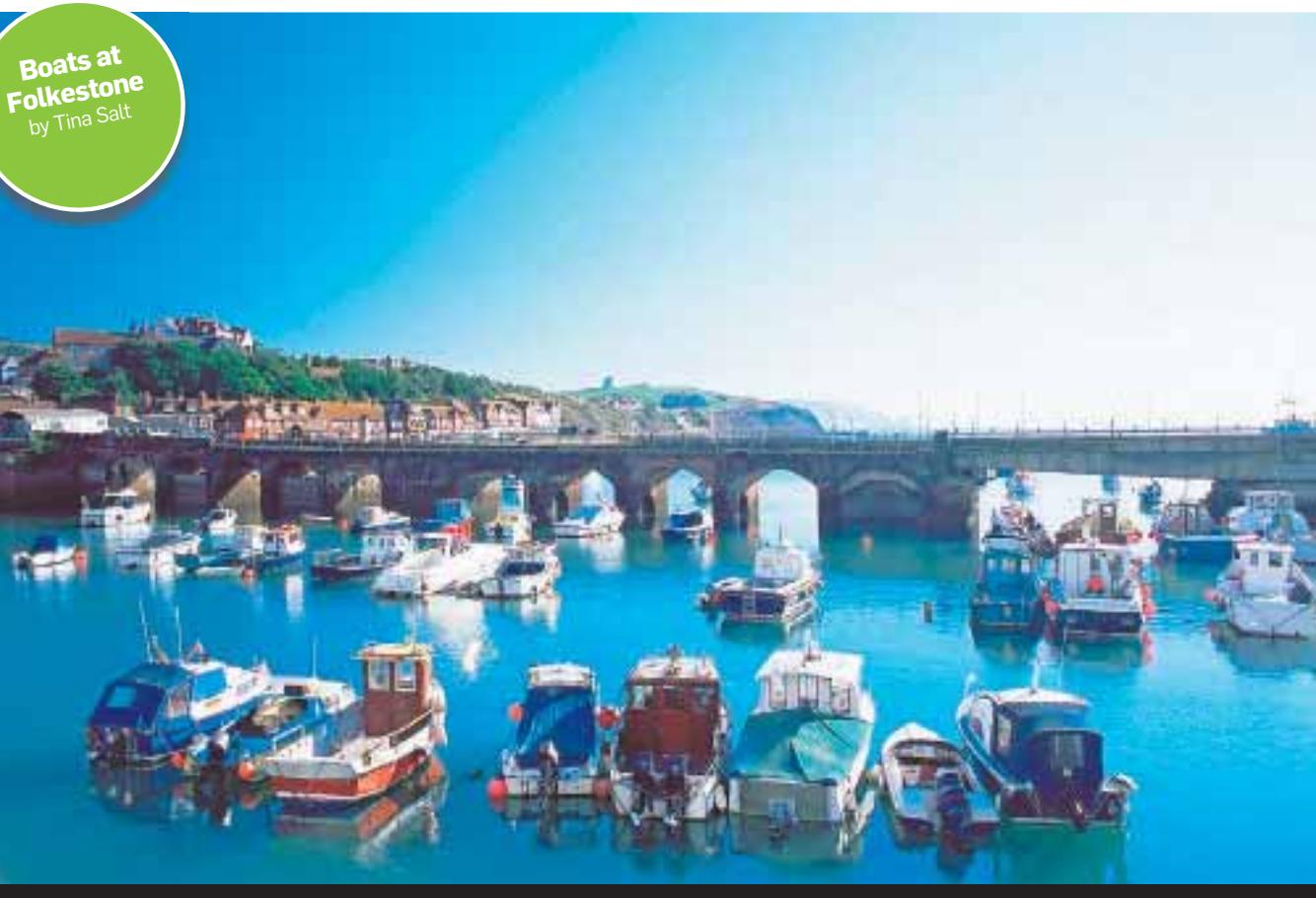
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## What's wrong with Manston?

GOVERNMENT bodies or individuals are forever making vague pronouncements about airport development in the south east.

We have all heard about Boris Island and estuary airports generally, additional runways at Heathrow or Gatwick or Stansted are all mentioned, but officialdom never mentions Manston. Why not?

If officialdom has something against Manston, let's hear what the objections are. To anyone with a modicum of common sense it is the obvious solution, particularly if one lives in east Kent.

Heathrow already has an excessive concentration of aircraft movements, any more

would increase the likelihood of a serious accident.

**Elizabeth Lonkhurst**  
Folkestone

## Airport ready to be used

I am all for an estuary airport, but not on the Hoo peninsula.

There's a large airport on the market, which, like Hoo, is on the north Kent coast, virtually in the mouth of the Thames only a few miles from where Boris Johnson wants a third London Airport.

It has been there since 1916. The name of the place is Manston, with one of the longest runways in the country, and space for more.

Every time Boris keeps scaring the people of Hoo with his obsession to have a third London airport there, its inhabitants should shout loud and clear in Boris's ear: 'What's the matter with Manston, just down the road?'

**Michael Wise via email**

## Boris Island is the answer

If the government wants an all-singing, all-dancing new airport to put the world to shame and ease the congestion at Heathrow, then Manston or Lydd are not the answers.

Don't people who keep bringing it up as an option – who I guess don't live near either – realise that the poor people who live nearby and in the surrounding towns and villages will have their lives and the lives of their families ruined by noise and pollution?

If the Government want to operate an airport all day then it has to be built away from people's homes – in other words Boris Island, so that no one's life is ruined by it.

You have to applaud transport secretary Justine Greening for delaying her decision until all the findings on noise and pollution and the effects on lives are established.

All I would like to say to all the big chiefs like Willie Walsh and certain MPs, is to stop looking in your wallets and start putting peoples' lives first.

**Mr J Williams, by email**

## It's not got a huge runway

I have seen yet another comment in your letters page about Manston's "huge runway" (Dave Powell, June 15). No it doesn't. And why does no-one point this out?

Manston will succeed as a minor airfield and we need a company that understands its limitations and does not produce another ridiculous business plan.

It amazes me that so many people are under the impression Manston has such a magnificent runway.

In the past I have seen comments from Adrian Ottley of Birchington that Manston has "long runways ideal for development". Manston has

only one runway, east to west, with no available land upon which to build another, and its length is 2,658m (8,726 ft). Heathrow's main runways are 3,500m (11,500 ft) and 3,570m (11,750 ft). Gatwick's is 3,750m (10,100 ft).

Manston comes 11th in the list of longest runways, and has the eighth longest commercial runway. That does not represent "the longest runway in Europe" as stated in a previous edition by Ian R. Swingland OBE.

The other major problem with Manston is there is no run off. A fully laden 747, for example, cannot take off from there because there is no leeway to abort a take off in case of a problem.

**Sheila Bransfield MA**  
**FRGS, by email**

## Don't bring danger here

WITH all the talk of airports possibly coming to our area,

one thing people seem to forget is the stacking system, waiting to land. Think of all that pollution, when planes circle.

Another point is that nearly every day, somewhere around the world, a plane is dropping out of the sky, accidentally or otherwise. We don't want that risk here.

**Les Brown, Rainham**

## Limit erodes our free will

HOW the Green Party must be in ecstasy now David Cameron has adopted their policy of speed limit downgrades to 20mph in towns and eventually 40mph elsewhere.

All over Britain councillors of all parties will be scrabbling to appease NIMBY voters and reduce speed limits.

Higher fuel consumption and emissions, increased congestion, longer journey times are taken out of the equation. Influential camera manufacturers and associated industries and of course the selling of speed awareness courses are all in for a boom.

To quote a KCC document: "Unfortunately there is not yet any statistically significant evidence in Kent that simply reducing a national speed limit to 50mph has any effect on the frequency of road traffic crashes."

But they still go ahead anyway.

Find the worst sort of drivers and dumb everybody down accordingly, is Britain's road safety policy, any form of individualism or choice is wrenched from us by those wishing to control every aspect of our lives.

All the fantastic claims for improved accident figures in 20mph zones have not been proved, in many 'trial' areas, the accident rate is worse.

But what would you expect when your road safety policy consists of "hitting people at slower speeds kills fewer of them".

Millions of pounds are handed out to so-called road safety groups and charities, yet we still have no formal education-led road safety policy.

Drivers seem reluctant to stick to the 30mph limit, so only by widespread surveillance and persecution will they drive at 20mph; 'big society' Mr Cameron?

**Terry Hudson, Herne Bay**

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# Business Week

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This week we focus on opportunities for young people, who have suffered, as a group, more than most during the economic downturn. There is a number of positive schemes around, while forward-thinking companies are doing all they can. But what about young people themselves? Many are looking forward to fulfilling careers, but are they being realistic in their aims and aspirations?

## Training helps create inspiration

By **Nick Ames**[nick.ames@archant.co.uk](mailto:nick.ames@archant.co.uk)

ONE of the UK's leading communications companies has set up shop in Folkestone and is holding a two-week training programme to inspire young people.

The project by M&C Saatchi aims to bring creative and media businesses to east Kent just as they are currently established in places such as Brighton.

MP Damian Collins, who worked for the company, is behind the project, which is seeing 12 people aged 18-24 receive expert training.

They are also given the opportunity to look at media and communications opportunities and establish the networks which will help them to gain employment in a popular field.

It is based in the former Triennial Visitors Centre on the corner of The Old High Street and Tontine Street and follows a presentation by Google on the same site earlier in the year.

Collins said: "Those taking part will be able to participate in the kind of



INSPIRED: MP Damian Collins with some of the young people on the training course

experience that people have only previously been able to be part of in London.

"I hope this project will inspire young people to think about working in the creative industries and also give them some useful contacts and ideas about how they could do this within our area.

"The creative industries are an important source of growth in our eco-

nomy and are performing more strongly than many other sectors, even in these difficult economic times.

"We can see part of that success in the young businesses which are growing and developing in the Old Town area of Folkestone, in particular.

"I believe these creative businesses can be an important part of the future

prosperity of our area, and that Folkestone and Shepway could be recognised alongside other centres like Brighton and Tunbridge Wells as an important hub for these businesses outside of London."

The project is taking place as Kent County Council plans to launch a new marketing campaign to promote business investment in Shepway and the other east Kent districts.

It will focus on the creative industries as one of the important growth areas of the local economy and also seek to encourage more businesses and people looking to invest in the area to apply for financial support from the Regional Growth Fund.

Collins said: "Having M&C Saatchi in town, just a couple of months since Google ran its business advice sessions from the same building in Folkestone, shows that major international companies are interested in what we have to say and offer. It will, I hope, also help create a bit of a buzz."

• **For the MP's views on the project, see [yourkenttv](#) on youtube.**

## SURVEY

### Predictions point to growth being slow

THE latest quarterly survey from the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) of 8,000 small and medium-sized firms says the pace of activity is too slow for a sustainable recovery.

The survey found a further small rise in exporting activity among both the service sector and manufacturing firms in the three months to the end of June. Domestic activity, however, showed little net overall change.

The GDP figures due out are predicted by many analysts to show that the economy was declining in the second quarter of the year, partly because of the extra bank holiday.

Dan Wagner is CEO and founder of mPowa, a service dedicated to helping SMEs collect cash from their customers.

He said: "SMEs are the backbone of the British economy. They employ more than half the UK workforce and need urgent action from policymakers and the banking community. Access to capital is severely hampering growth and is often the single reason companies go under. We need to have a supportive framework in place to help businesses in Kent to thrive and flourish in challenging market conditions."

## OLYMPICS

### Avoid the congestion by renting some desk space

**THE Olympics are fast approaching and Kent Enterprise House is offering office space to enable commuters to avoid travel hell throughout the London 2012 Games**

**The Government has advised more people to work from home as the transport network is expected to be extremely crowded.**

**National Rail has estimated that 300 million trips will be made by spectators within London during the Olympics, which will without doubt lead to congestion, delayed transport and late arrivals for those who commute to London.**

**So Kent Enterprise House, a charity-owned conference facility in Herne Bay, is to offer fully-serviced office space for £10 per day either within an open-plan office or private room.**

**Spaces are being offered to London commuters on a daily basis, so they have the option to book for the duration of the Olympics, a few days, or just a Friday.**

**To find out more, contact Kent Enterprise House by emailing [info@enterprisetrust.org](mailto:info@enterprisetrust.org) or phoning 01227 844 464.**

## AWARD

### Recognition for efforts to help hopeful young entrepreneurs

LAW firm Cripps Harries Hall, based in Tunbridge Wells, has won an award for its work with Kent Foundation For Young Entrepreneurs, a charity that provides help for young people in Kent to establish and develop their business ideas.

Cripps was one of three organisations to be presented with the Impact Award at a celebration hosted by KCC chairman Richard King.

The award is in recognition of the significant impact that the firm's volunteers have made on the lives of young entrepreneurs in the county.

Volunteers from Cripps have been trained as business mentors working alongside the young entrepreneurs to provide one-to-one support.

They have also been involved in delivering

workshops and promoting Kent Foundation to the wider business community.

Paul Barron, director of Kent Foundation For Young Entrepreneurs, said: "We are very grateful for the support given by KCC and the INTERREG European Funding. However, we would not be able to operate our valuable and effective services without the support from our volunteers."

Ed Weeks, partner and head of corporate responsibility at Cripps, said: "We are delighted to receive this award in recognition of our volunteer work. We see this as an exciting opportunity to support our community by putting our skills and experience to use in a sustainable way. We look forward to continuing our work with Kent Foundation."

# Chamber supports apprenticeships

By Nick Ames

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BUSINESSES put off the idea of taking on an apprentice by the extra work needed to recruit, employ and train them can now take advantage of a new service.

Kent Channel Chamber of Commerce has launched an initiative to help small businesses take on an apprentice to help their enterprise grow – and young people between 16 and 24 get a 'real' job and the full range of work experience they need to support their apprenticeship qualification.

As part of a new consortium called Fusion Futures, the chamber will be providing a new service with one big benefit to local businesses.

Fusion Futures will employ the ap-

prentice and loan them to the business until such time as they are happy to employ them directly – this could be between three and 12 months.

The idea is to reduce the initial risk, staff time and employment liability and realise significant cost-saving benefits that will contribute directly to bottom-line improvements.

Chamber chief executive Peter Hobbs said: "We know the many hoops businesses have to go through to plan for and employ a new apprentice. For every company currently employing an apprentice – about 200,000 nationwide – we believe there are double that who would take on an apprentice if all the organising and employment contract was done for them.

"Our new service is ideal for small

companies that have limited capacity to employ apprentices direct or are uncertain if they could provide the breadth of work experience to support the training programme."

Nigel Horton-Baker, operations director for Fusion Futures said: "Our aim is to provide an independent, employer-driven brokerage service that will help businesses identify where the trainee can best add value within the organisation, draw up a job description, find the right trainee to suit your business and find the right training provider to support the trainee from its pool of high-quality and vetted training providers."

**AGREEMENT:** Nigel Horton-Baker and Peter Hobbs shake on the apprenticeship initiative



## Scheme helps young people into the workplace

FIFTEEN young people are taking up an apprenticeship with West Kent Housing Association.

The community-based business, which provides affordable homes and services to people living in the county, is now providing a foot on the career ladder for a number of young people who have been unemployed for more than three months.

This has been made possible by the Kent Jobs For Kent Young People scheme, in which the county council has invested £2 million to help local employers take on more apprentices.

Businesses could take advantage of a £2,000 grant towards the employment costs – add in some national

funding, wherever possible, and that figure more than doubles to £4,275.

James Woods is one of the 15 apprentices.

He said: "I've been on work-experience placements before, but this is the first time I've been offered a job with serious training and the chance to do something I enjoy that helps other people.

"I've been trying to get into work for a long time, but there aren't many jobs and when there are, there aren't many people willing to give a young person a chance."

Signing up for Kent Jobs For Kent Young People is easy and hassle-free. An apprenticeship team is available at the end of a phone on 0800 10 18 2 24



or alternatively by emailing [kep@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kep@kent.gov.uk).

KCC leader Paul Carter said:

**GIVEN A CHANCE:** Apprentice James Woods is very pleased to be a part of the scheme

"James's experience is similar to a number of young people and it is for him and many others like him that the county council launched Kent Jobs For Kent Young People. West Kent Housing Association deserves great credit for providing 15 apprenticeships.

"We are working very hard to maximise the apprenticeship opportunities for young people. Unemployment figures are far, far too high in this country and we have put in £2m alongside national subsidy to create a scheme that declutters the bureaucracy for businesses wanting to take on an apprentice. The cost to

employers is now as little as £52 a week to take on better-skilled, better-motivated young people. It is good for business and good for the young person."

The West Kent apprentices will be employed in a range of roles across the organisation and its charitable subsidiary, including plumbing, youth work and housing support.

Will Campbell-Wroe, managing director of West Kent's community development charity West Kent Extra, said: "We are pleased to be able to work closely with KCC to create these exciting new apprenticeships at West Kent.

"We know that the young people who come to West Kent will have a great experience that will hopefully set them on

a career path they will enjoy.

"We see a large number of young people who struggle to get that first opportunity in the workplace and we are pleased to be able to offer them challenging and creative roles that will support them and the communities they live in."

"But we know this isn't all about the young people – they have many things to teach us as an organisation and these new roles give many of our own staff a first experience of line management.

"We believe these new posts will benefit the individuals, West Kent as an organisation, the Kent community and the Kent economy, so it was an easy decision for us to say yes to apprenticeships."

## Many young lack career progression knowledge

WITH youth unemployment a continuing problem for both business and the Government, a new report reveals that far too many young people in Kent are ill-informed about their career options.

Joint research from the Financial Skills Partnership and Career Academies UK, based on a survey of 17- and 18-year-old Career Academies UK students, shows that many young people hold views about careers and how to progress that are not based on evidence.

According to the report, entitled *Routes To Success*, young people lack awareness of their options. This includes a misunderstanding of university fees, apprenticeships and school leaver programmes, and many

young people are making poorly-informed choices that may affect their future career options and the talent pipeline for many industries.

The report calls on the Government, educators and employers to take concrete steps to address these issues and also suggests that there needs to be a single coherent message on career-progression routes.

Unemployment figures released by the Office For National Statistics show there has been a slight decline in the number of people out of work.

However, there are still too many young people, from school-leavers to graduates, unemployed and searching for a job or training.

The report revealed:

■ A greater number of students seriously considering university as their preferred route than the number who strongly agreed that they knew a lot about it.

■ Young people believed they had a high level of awareness of apprenticeships, but further questioning revealed their knowledge was inaccurate and shallow.

■ Young people were unsure of the status of school-leaver programmes and how to find these opportunities.

■ Work experience was viewed as essential, but outside the formal Career Academies internship programme their experience of placements was poor.

■ Young people were ambitious and understood the value of

employability skills and real work experience.

Liz Field, CEO of the Financial Skills Partnership, said: "Young people in Kent are making poorly-informed choices, which may affect their future career options and the talent pipeline for many industries.

"The research shows that many young people know far too little about their potential career options and that employers, educators and the Government could all do more to help.

"We need to equip young people with the knowledge and skills to take responsibility for their own career-planning and progression if they are to be the professionals of tomorrow, able to lead us out of recession and into growth and renewal."

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## Training, courses and careers

### Animal magic is helping pupils to get top results

IT is easy to dismiss the life of a wildlife park as a lot of monkey business.

But two of the county's premier parks are proving to be exceptional outdoor classrooms, attracting thousands each year to visit and learn. Howletts, in Bekesbourne near Canterbury, and Port Lympne near Hythe, are both under the remit of the Aspinall Foundation.

A dedicated education team is on hand to supply curriculum material to schools in Kent and nationwide aimed at all levels of learning.

The parks also host school visits and last year more than 11,000 pupils visited.

The parks' education team also organise team building courses, student workshops and deliver talks to community groups, such as the WI and schools.

This year, Port Lympne plays host to three conferences where keepers, educators and researchers from all round the globe can meet to discuss and share ideas and comment on the latest developments in the animal and horticultural world.

The parks also host students studying animal management from the UK and Europe so that they can bolster their classroom studies with hands-on experience. Currently there are 23 students working across both parks.

The Aspinall Foundation educates further afield and offers outreach programmes to schools in Congo and Gabon, Java and Madagascar to educate people about the conservation work that the charity carries out with critically endangered western lowland gorillas, primates such as Javan langurs and Javan gibbons and lemurs in Madagascar.

Visit [www.aspinallfoundation.org](http://www.aspinallfoundation.org) for further information about the foundation's conservation work, or to book a school visit, team building course or work experience placements and other educational talks.

### BIG names set to gather for STEM sector event

A SPECIAL event uniting key players in science, technology, engineering and manufacturing (STEM) related industries with the University of Greenwich takes place this coming Wednesday in Chatham.

Members of the BIG (Business Innovation Group) Kent network and companies involved in the key sectors are all putting their weight behind the big summer event, which takes place on July 25.

The free summer event and exhibition at the St George's Centre at Medway Chatham Maritime will feature a series of presentations from senior industrial and academic speakers on issues that are key to the STEM sections.

There will also be presentations from senior members of the financial services sector delivering advice on research and development tax credits, capital allowances, venue capital investments and commercial banking issues, which affect companies operating within STEM sectors.

The BIG-Kent Summer Event will also offer networking opportunities with sector specialists and will end with a panel debate exploring how science, technology, engineering and manufacturing sectors can stimulate the economy. See [www.big-kent.org.uk](http://www.big-kent.org.uk) for details.

# Decorated students are proof an eye for design can reap the rewards

HAVING an eye for detail and a flair for the artistic is not always something you can be taught. But a college course is proving a hit by promoting just that, and it's expecting a bumper turn-out for an upcoming interior design course.

Some 14 men and women emerged clutching a qualification at the end of last term after the 10-week certificate in creative techniques (interior design) course at MidKent College's Maidstone campus.

Launched in January, it is once again featured in the part-time prospectus for 2012/13.

And, with that success, course leader Ellie Bentley is now accepting applications from prospective students for the next academic year.

She said: "Programmes like Changing Rooms and 60-Minute Makeover are great for generating interest but in reality they don't work.

"People need to know how to use the techniques shown on television, otherwise they'll end up with the most awful results.

**What is your business doing to help Keep Kent Working? Do you send employees on training courses to aid their personal development or run apprenticeship schemes? If you have a good news story email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk or call us on 01303 817136.**

"Most people think it costs the earth but it really doesn't. All you need to do is learn how to work with what you've got and change it into something completely different.

"I've been an interior

designer for about 14 years and it's something I'm passionate about, which is why I wanted to launch this course and help to ignite other people's creativity."

Former secondary school teacher Janet Lowther, 57, from Maidstone, received a place on the course as a Christmas present from her partner.

She is now considering moving on to the 17-week interior design certificate – which also serves as a stand-alone course for more advanced students – after successfully completing the award qualification.

She said: "I started to try and change my partner's house around when I moved in with him, so it's nice to be able to say I know what I'm doing.

"I knew what looked good before but I didn't know why, and that's where the course has helped me the most – by teaching me things like line, shape, form and mirroring.

"Now the top floor of our house is being completely re-jigged thanks to what I've learned."

Other construction craft subjects available to study part-time at MidKent College include carpentry, bricklaying, bench joinery, and painting and decorating.

Visit [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk) to find out more.



DESIGN FOR LIFE: Successful students with their work after the 10-week course

### College cooks up a recipe for success

A TEAM of Thanet College catering students is celebrating being named Young Restaurant Team of the Year at the first ever competition held at the Skills for Chefs Conference in Sheffield.

Professional cookery level two students Daniel Read, Daniel Levey and Kyle Hadley-Quinn, who study food and beverage service level two, cooked and served a two-course meal for seven judges, including Andrew Bennett MBE, food and beverage director at Sheraton Park Lane; Nigel Craine, founder of cooking products manufacturer Essential Cuisine; and TV chef Alan Murchison.

The team's menu consisted of seabass with

smoked pommes puree and fennel, followed by a dessert of flambéed compressed apricots with chocolate parfait and toasted almond and amaretto ice cream.

The dessert featured a 'kitchen theatre' style serving, with Daniel Read displaying food on a bespoke driftwood stand at one end of the table whilst Kyle flambéed apricots at the other.

The show continued as Kyle juggled flaming amaretto before finishing it with tonka-infused coffee and vanilla cream.

Chef tutor Rob Allsworth accompanied the students to the conference, and was delighted with their efforts.

He said: "Feedback from the judges was

superb, with one comment that the teams' service was as good as a Michelin-starred establishment. Lecturers and students alike had a terrific experience, meeting chefs and industry peers and forging bonds that will help them all through their careers."

Thanet College – which is set to change its name to East Kent College for the start of the next term – won a trophy and prizes. As part of their prize they will also have the opportunity to visit top London restaurant Galvin at Windows, situated on the 28th floor of the Park Lane Hilton Hotel.

Head chef Andre Garrett and Fred Sirix, front of house, will treat them to skills sessions.

## Schools & education

# Two million reasons why staff are looking forward for start of term

AS schools and colleges across Kent break up for the summer, staff at Rochester Independent College are preparing for a busy six weeks, putting the finishing touches to their £2 million campus redevelopment.

The college has grown since 1984 from one building to 13.

New for September will be an underground hall with seating for 100 people and the first use of a new building acquisition, New Court at the corner of New Road and Star Hill.

Founding principal Brian Pain said: "Our underground building is an exciting development and has been designed to house a lecture hall accommodating up to 100 people.

"It is hugely insulated and therefore energy efficient and heated by an air source heat pump. It will provide a new home for the college's drama department. The copper canopied roof will be transformed into an open-air theatre auditorium in the summer months

with productions from visiting troupes and students. Low voltage electrical installation and modern construction techniques give the building a minimal carbon footprint."

The college's 2012 expansion has been supported by the Swedish bank, Handelsbanken.

Mr Pain added: "We are investing significantly in the campus and next academic year will see a dedicated arts and crafts centre established."

# Encouraging more of our young people to stick with education

A GOVERNMENT commitment to keep teenagers in school until they are 18 is set to see a major focus put on keeping those aged 16 plus in full-time education.

The Government has given a commitment that all young people should have the opportunity to develop the skills they need for adult life and employment.

As part of this, the participation age for young people to remain in education or training is being raised to 18 by 2015.

To give young people in Kent the opportunity to gain key skills and qualifications, KCC will be improving the available learning options and the range of vocational qualifications on offer.

Mike Whiting, KCC cabinet member for education learning and skills, said: "We'll be working closely with our partners, further education colleagues, schools, employers and work-based learning providers.

"By coming together, we can make sure we provide more apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeship programmes and improved vocational qualifications with meaningful work experience. No less vital are academic courses – and making



**FOCUSED:** Keeping teenagers engaged with full time education courses is no mean feat

sure that there are quality work experience opportunities to go with them.

"The value of good education and training can never be underestimated. Providing a wide variety can help us to offer each individual the right course and the right curriculum."

# Rubber stamp given for college's £20m town centre relocation

A PROPOSAL to relocate Bexley College to a new state-of-the-art facility at Stonewood Road in Erith town centre has been approved.

The development of the college will see £20 million of investment in the area, which will include a new pedestrian walkway to the station.

The construction of the college building is made possible by the development of housing on the college's existing site at Tower Road.

This move significantly increases and improves the educational opportunities for young people in Erith and Bexley, said education chiefs.

With planning permission granted, the college is now on track to open the new building in September 2014.

College principal Danny Ridgeway said: "I am delighted we have been given the go ahead to build a new £20m college in Erith town centre. I would like to thank

people for the overwhelming support we have received from the local community and local businesses.

"This is good news for staff and students since it secures the future of a rapidly improving college.

"It is welcome news for the businesses of Erith because of the spending power of our staff and students. It's also great news for the community that will have top learning facilities for decades to come."



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Part-time position available 20 hrs per week

#### Qualifications

Registered Nurse 1st Level

Evidence of continual professional development

To discuss this opportunity or to arrange an informal visit please contact:-

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#### Staff Nurse (Margate)

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## PUBLIC/ COMMUNITY APPOINT

### Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

#### Lecturer in Hair

Ref: P0559

Salary: £26,336 to £30,118 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
37 hours per week. Maidstone Campus

We have an exciting opportunity to recruit a passionate individual to teach, assess and contribute to the development of Hair Design programmes. The applicant must have NVQ level 3 and A1 awards, with a minimum of 18 months A1 experience and should hold, or be willing to work towards, a teaching qualification. Experience of apprenticeships and salon management would be desirable. Recent industry experience would be advantageous.

#### Music Tutor

Ref: P0263

Salary: £26,836 - £31,218 per annum depending upon experience and qualifications  
37 hours per week. Medway Campus

Experienced Music Tutor is required to teach Level 2 and 3 Music. Experience of BTEC qualifications and Internal Verification is essential. The applicant should have previous professional experience and knowledge of the current music industry. Ability to direct and support a range of music students within rehearsals is necessary with a sound knowledge of music theory.

#### Musical Theatre Tutor for Level 3 and 4

Ref: P0272

£26,836 - £31,218 depending upon experience and qualifications  
37 hours per week. Medway Campus

Mid-Kent College is looking to recruit an enthusiastic and dedicated Musical Theatre Lecturer to join a successful Performing Arts Team. Teaching within a thriving performing arts department, the successful candidate will have strong vocational experience and be able to co-ordinate and work alongside existing teachers to develop and expand Musical Theatre within the college and in the local community. The candidate will be responsible for planning and delivering, to a high standard, specialist units to Levels 3 & 4 students on the BTEC Extended Diploma in Musical Theatre and the Level 4 HNC/D in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre).

#### Lecturer in Social Science

Ref: M0431

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£17,753 - £34,505 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
18.5 hours per week. Medway Campus

We are looking for an enthusiastic and experienced Social Science lecturer to join our Access to Higher Education team. They will need to have experience of teaching both Psychology and Sociology, preferably to adult learners. The successful candidate will hold, or be willing to work towards, a recognised teaching qualification.

The successful candidates must be excellent teachers who share our passion for success and who take a proactive approach in promoting and developing the courses within the Faculty.

**Closing Date: 12 noon on Thursday 2 August 2012**

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please e-mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.



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#### LECTURER IN CONSTRUCTION

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The role attracts a salary of £25,589 - £30,205 per annum, all year, plus a contributory pension scheme, 41 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

**Interview Date: Monday 20th August 2012**

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### A Level Lecturer 30 hours per week

Ref: P0441

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Medway Campus

We are looking for an enthusiastic and energetic teacher to join our A levels and Access team. The successful candidate will teach on Level 2 and Level 3 programmes across a range of subjects including Government & Politics and History. The applicant will hold a relevant degree and have or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

### Student Financial Support Advisor Part-time, 18.5 hours per week

Ref: P0256

Salary: £15,891 - £17,050 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
Medway/Maidstone Campus

We are looking to recruit an excellent candidate to provide friendly and approachable assistance to students throughout the College. The successful candidate will process applications to the student support funds, administer the resulting awards and communicate the outcomes to students and college departments via telephone, email and post. The ideal candidate will have proven experience within a customer service environment and a Level 2 qualification in business admin or equivalent.

### Recruitment Assistant

Ref: P0028

Salary: £15,891 - £19,464 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
Full time, based at Medway campus but part-time at Maidstone campus

The College is looking to recruit an exceptional individual to assist and support in the operation of the Job Shop services, developing strong links with local employers to establish employment opportunities for students. The successful candidate will provide generalist advice to teaching and support staff in line with the College and departmental procedures and assist in the day to day running of the Job Shop, a front line customer service role. Experience within a sales or marketing role is desirable.

### Lecturer in Motor Vehicle

Ref: P0605

Salary: £26,336 - £30,118 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
Full time, Medway

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### Technician/Instructor in Motor Vehicle

Ref: P0604

Salary: £15,891 - £19,464 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
Full-time, Medway

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and experienced technician to support the curriculum and workshop activities within the new Motor Vehicle facilities at our Medway campus. As well as a relevant vocational qualification you will have an Assessors Award, Health and Safety qualification and First Aid qualification or willingness to work towards these. This exciting post requires effective planning and organisational skills and the ability to work flexibly and reliably with minimum supervision.

### Hourly paid Lecturer in Art and Design

Ref: SESS

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### Quality Coordinator

Ref: P0607

Salary: £24,842 - £31,516 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
Part-time, 14.8 hours per week

We are seeking to appoint a Quality Co-ordinator to be responsible for the quality assurance of off-site vocational provision delivered by the College and its partner organisations. Reporting to the Assistant Principal - Standards and Quality Improvement, you will make an important contribution to the monitoring and development of the College's quality improvement procedures and initiatives in a variety of settings away from the College's main sites in Medway and Maidstone. You will have a thorough understanding of the assessment processes of vocational provision.

**Closing date: 12 noon Thursday 26 July 2012**

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### WORK PLACE INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE BROKER

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**Interview date: 8th August 2012**

### ASSISTANT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

Responsible for the supervision of the Finance Assistants and the nominal ledger and balance sheet.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £23,040 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 25 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

### ASSISTANT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT/PAYROLL

To prepare the College monthly accounts and other ad-hoc reports as required. To administrate and process the College payroll, including production of annual returns for pensions and PAYE.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £20,246 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 25 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

### PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Ensure adherence to purchasing policies, to maximise value for money and to realise savings and benefits available to the College from purchasing activities.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £20,246 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 25 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

**Interview Date: Wednesday 1st August 2012**

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### Inclusive Education Facilitator Team Leader

To facilitate the College's inclusive provision from KS3 through to KS5 and promote delivery approaches which raise the quality of alternative curricula and impact on the achievements and aspirations of all students, in a safe, stimulating and supportive learning environment.

To lead the Inclusive Education team.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £27,187 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 41 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

**Interview date: Monday 20th August 2012**

### Inclusive Education Facilitators

To facilitate the College's inclusive provision from KS3 through to KS5 and promote delivery approaches which raise the quality of alternative curricula and impact on the achievements and aspirations of all students, in a safe, stimulating and supportive learning environment.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £25,589 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 41 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

**Interview Date: Tuesday 21st August 2012**

### Inclusive Education Practitioners

To facilitate the College's inclusive provision from KS3 through to KS5 and promote delivery approaches which raise the quality of alternative curricula and impact on the achievements and aspirations of all students, in a safe, stimulating and supportive learning environment.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £15,022 per annum, for 38 weeks worked per year, plus a contributory pension scheme, 23 days paid holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

**Interview Date: Wednesday 22nd August 2012**

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Programme Area Manager for Catering and Hospitality

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**CAREERS PROGRESSION ADVISOR**

**Fixed Term to 21st December 2012 - Maternity Cover**

To operate a client-centred vocational progression programme of careers education, providing comprehensive information, advice, guidance and careers education. To support progression of existing and potential students to internal college programmes, employment, Higher Education, partner organisations or self-employment.

The role attracts a salary of £9,830 - £11,520 per annum, for 18.5 hours per week, all year, plus a contributory pension scheme, 25 days pro rata holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

Interview Date: Wednesday 15th August 2012

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Closing date: Wednesday 1st August 2012

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**MA/11/1047/S** - HORSESHOES RIDING SCHOOL, HORSESHOES COURT, DEAN STREET, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0PR - Erection of a hay barn. **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/1939/S** - ALBION INN, CHURCH STREET, BOUGHTON MONCHelsea, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4HW - Erection of a single storey rear and side extension. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/12/0551/S** - LAND REAR OF LADY JANE PUB, CHURCH GREEN, MARDEN, KENT - An outline application with only access and scale to be considered at this stage for the erection of 8 cottages with occupation limited to over 55 years old. Creation of 3 additional parking spaces to provide 9 car spaces in total. **Reason: 2**

**MA/12/0678/S** - OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0JL - Change of use of first floor to residential, installation of internal doorways, stud walls and mezzanine floors, installation of roof lights and creation of first floor balcony. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/12/0679/S** - OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0JL - An application for listed building consent for the change of use of first floor to residential, installation of internal doorways, stud walls and mezzanine floors and installation of roof lights. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/0955/N** - BISHOPS, AVERY LANE, OTHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0BZ - An application for listed building consent for the conversion of existing garage to single dwellinghouse including various alterations and additions and demolition of existing stable block. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/1042/S** - 3, NEW INN COTTAGES, FORGE LANE, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0HN - Replacement rear dormer window and installation of roof window to front. **Reason: 2**

**MA/12/1058/N** - 23, BREWER STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1RU - Retrospective application for the insertion of white uPVC windows. **Reason: 2**

**MA/12/1073/S** - HILLSIDE, HAYLE PLACE, CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DW - Application for conservation area consent to demolish conservatory. **Reason: 4**

**MA/12/1074/S** - HILLSIDE, HAYLE PLACE, CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DW - Erection of a new first floor and replacement conservatory. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/12/1081/N** - KENT MUSIC SCHOOL, ASTLEY HOUSE, HASTINGS ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 7SG - Variation of condition 6 of approval of reserved matters MA/11/1202 to substitute drawing no. 14386PA/3200revC4 for the previous plan 2143-02revD to allow for revised external surface materials to the access road. (MA/11/1202: Application for approval of reserved matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline planning permission MA/10/0594 seeking approval for the erection of 25 two, three and four bedroom dwellings with associated parking and access roads). **Reason: 6**

**MA/12/1098/S** - BEALTSIDE, LEES ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6HB - Rear extension and alterations. **Reason: 2**

**MA/12/1105/N** - CRICKETERS ARMS, 48, MOTE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6ES - Change of use of public bar to additional residential accommodation; including the sealing of two redundant entrances, internal changes and the erection of fencing to the boundary. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1121/S** - BEALE FARM, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9LT - Installation of a new packaged sewage treatment plant to replace existing septic tank. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1130/S** - FORMER SENACRE TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL SITE, SUTTON ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 9DT - Erection of 14 new dwellings and associated garages (Replanning of original consent MA/08/2489). **Reason: 6**

**MA/12/1133/N** - SANDHURST, LENHAM HEATH ROAD, LENHAM HEATH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2BP - Erection of a replacement garage/home office. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1138/N** - SNOWFIELD, YEOMAN LANE, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4DH - Retrospective planning application for the replacement of orangery, new entrance gates, 2m palisade fencing to north eastern boundary and works to north western elevation of dwelling. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/12/1139/N** - SNOWFIELD, YEOMAN LANE, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4DH - Retrospective listed building consent is sought for the replacement of orangery and works to north western elevation of dwelling. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/1141/S** - THE GRANARY, GRANARY FIELDS, COLLIER STREET, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9RR - Two storey rear extension with associated parking and creation of a new access involving demolition of piggy building. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1154/S** - HAYLE COTTAGE, HAYLE PLACE, CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DW - Erection of a two storey side extension, insertion of new pitched roof to flat roof, erection of railings and new porch canopy to front and alterations to fenestration. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/1170/N** - 3, ABBEY COURT COTTAGES, BOARLEY LANE, SANDLING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3BU - Single-storey rear extension. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1195/S** - 10, LOWER FANT ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8EA - Alterations to fenestration including repair and replacement render to elevations and additional door and windows. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1196/S** - 10, LOWER FANT ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8EA - An application for listed building consent for installation of roof insulation, alterations to fenestration including repair and replacement of rainwater goods, render to elevations and additional door and windows. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/1197/N** - THE WINDMILL, 32, EYHORNE STREET, HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT, ME17 1TR - An application for listed building consent for internal refurbishment and redecoration of ground floor bar area and toilets. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/1199/N** - FLAT 3, 62 - 64, LOWER STONE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6NA - An application for listed building consent for the introduction of a hole through the front elevation to allow a broadband cable to pass through. **Reason: 3**

**Reasons for advertisement key:**

- 1 - Application affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 4 - Application is for Conservation Area Consent.
- 5 - Application is Major Development.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **5th August 2012**, quoting the application number.

**Rob Jarman**, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 22nd July 2012



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## PLANNING

## Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995  
 Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990  
 Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990  
 Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/12/01071/FUL: Rose Cottage, Bolts Hill, Chatham, CT4 7LD Demolition of existing conservatory and first-floor extension and construction of two-storey extension to rear of dwelling. Applicant: Prof A Horne Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01106/FUL: Former Southern Water Site, Sturry Road, Canterbury, CT2 0AA Application for a new planning permission to replace planning permission CA/09/00894/OUT for the erection of a mixed use trade park development with associated access, car parking and highways works, including widening of the footpath/cycleway (outline application) in order to extend the time limit for implementation.

Applicant: Glenbeigh Developments Ltd and the Trustees of the Canterbury Syndicate Reason: Major development, CA/12/01107/FUL: 31 Mickleburgh Hill, Herne Bay, CT6 6DT Replacement windows and door. Applicant: Mr T Nichols Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01139/LB: The Coach House, Denne Hill Farm, Womenswold, CT4 6HD Internal and external alterations in connection with proposed change of use of former Coach House to provide a dwelling and holiday accommodation and erection of detached double garage.

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Loder-Symonds Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/01149/FUL: Former Royal Oak Public House, Park Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5SR Conversion and extension to public house to form three residential units and erection of three residential units in the grounds. Demolition of existing single-storey extension. Applicant: Romun Ltd Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01165/LB: 1 Thatched Cottages, Highstead, Chislet, CT3 4LX Installation of window in west elevation and rebuilding chimney stack. Applicant: Ms M Fulcher Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/01171/LB: 6 St Alphege Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2EB Removal of shop front and insertion of sash windows and internal alterations. Applicant: Mr L Parker Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to [development.management@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:development.management@canterbury.gov.uk) to arrive on or before Monday 13 August 2012.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: [www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc)

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration  
 Friday 20 July 2012

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### Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

12/01876/HOUSE Crooke Cottage Crook Road, Brenchley

- Rear ground and first floor extension (LB)

12/01909/FUL Beresford Lodge Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst

- Renewal of consent (TW/06/02505 refers) - Demolition of the existing extension to Beresford Lodge and a detached ancillary building and erection of a replacement dwelling with ancillary garage building, new vehicular access and hard and soft landscaping (TW/09/03067 refers) - variation of condition 2 - submission of proposed samples and materials prior to any works thereby affected are begun as opposed to prior to the commencement of development (LB)

12/01911/FUL Beresford Lodge Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst

- Renewal of consent (TW/06/02505 refers) - Demolition of the existing extension to Beresford Lodge and a detached ancillary building and erection of a replacement dwelling with ancillary garage building, new vehicular access and hard and soft landscaping (TW/09/03067 refers) - variation of condition 3 - construction and approval of a panel of masonry prior to any works thereby affected are begun as opposed to prior to before any development commences (LB)

12/01912/FUL Beresford Lodge Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst

- Renewal of consent (TW/06/02505 refers) - Demolition of the existing extension to Beresford Lodge and a detached ancillary building and erection of a replacement dwelling with ancillary garage building, new vehicular access and hard and soft landscaping (TW/09/03067 refers) - variation of condition 4 - submission and approval of details relating to the windows of the new building prior to construction of the new dwelling as opposed to before any development commences (LB)

12/01914/FUL Beresford Lodge Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst

- Renewal of consent (TW/06/02505 refers) - Demolition of the existing extension to Beresford Lodge and a detached ancillary building and erection of a replacement dwelling with ancillary garage building, new vehicular access and hard and soft landscaping (TW/09/03067 refers) - variation of condition 5 - submission and approval of details relating to the landscaping scheme prior to any works thereby affected are begun as opposed to before any development commences (LB)

12/01916/FUL Beresford Lodge Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst

- Renewal of consent (TW/06/02505 refers) - Demolition of the existing extension to Beresford Lodge and a detached ancillary building and erection of a replacement dwelling with ancillary garage building, new vehicular access and hard and soft landscaping (TW/09/03067 refers) - variation of condition 6 - submission and approval of details relating to the landscaping scheme prior to any works thereby affected are begun as opposed to before any development commences (LB)

12/01918/FUL Beresford Lodge Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst

- Renewal of consent (TW/06/02505 refers) - Demolition of the existing extension to Beresford Lodge and a detached ancillary building and erection of a replacement dwelling with ancillary garage building, new vehicular access and hard and soft landscaping (TW/09/03067 refers) - variation of condition 10 - submission and approval of details relating to the Woodland Management plan prior to any works affected are begun, as opposed to before any development commences (LB)

12/01896/FUL Tesco Rye Road, Hawkhurst

- Variation of Condition 13 of TW/10/02328 - Demolition of the former bus station and erection of single storey A1 retail unit with ancillary car parking for 82 vehicles, including 3 disabled and 3 parent/child parking spaces) - To allow temporary relaxation of store opening hours to 09.00 to 20.00 on Sundays (and Bank Holiday) in accordance with 'Sunday Trading (London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games) Act 2012' from 22 July to 9 September 2012 (MAJOR) (CA)

12/01895/HOUSE The Slade Lamberhurst, Lamberhurst

- Two storey side extension and internal alterations (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement

You may view these applications on our website ([www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk)), at the Old Fire Station, St Mary Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to [planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe  
 Head of Planning Services  
 Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS  
 Dated: 21 July 2012



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# Swale BOROUGH COUNCIL

## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

### PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or its setting.
3. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
4. This application may be of wider public interest.

### REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 06 AUGUST 2012

SW/12/0211:

Change of use of Shed and Pole Barn to B1 Light Industrial - Abbey Farm, Abbey Road, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1 & 2

SW/12/0374:

Excavation of agricultural production land to create 2 reservoirs for the purpose of agricultural irrigation - South Leas Farm, Lower Road, MINSTER; REASON 6

SW/12/0858:

Listed Building Consent for addition of French windows to first floor rear and porch to side entrance - Trafalgar House, Vicarage Lane, SELLING; REASON 2

SW/12/0871 & SW/12/0872:

To install two external access staircases and two internal staircases to existing workshop buildings, minor alterations to floor structure, existing and former door openings use for external staircases - Buildings 1 & 2, Standard Quay, Abbey Road, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1, 2 & 4

SW/12/0889 & SW/12/0945:

Proposed conversion of existing semi-detached Grade II Listed houses into 4 No 1 and 2 bedroom self-contained apartments with associated car parking to the rear and including the retention of the William Barrows Charitable Trust Board Room and creation of modest ancillary facilities supporting that function - Forge House/Barrow House, The Street, BORDEN; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0893:

Change of use of council land adjacent 90 Upper Brents Faversham for use as additional private garden, for 90 Upper Brents Faversham. The planting of an evergreen hedge as shown on drawing No 2012-101-01A to define boundary - Land Adjacent to 90 Upper Brents, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1

SW/12/0908:

Use as auction house - Unit 14, Faversham Shipyard, Upper Brents, FAVERSHAM; REASON 6

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman  
 Head of Planning

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

### NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

#### KCC/AS/0225/2012 - Proposed development at Ashford Household Waste Recycling Centre, Brunswick Road, Ashford, TN23 1EL.

Kent County Council Waste Management is applying to the County Planning Authority for planning permission for a section 73 application to vary conditions 4 and 17 of planning permission AS/11/981 to allow a 0.5m reduction in permitted ground levels across the site, alongside changes to the permitted site layout and building design.

You may view this application via a computer link at the following locations: (a) Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford; and (b) Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street, Tenterden.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be found on Kent County Council's website at [www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications](http://www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications) or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to [planning.applications@kent.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@kent.gov.uk) or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson  
 Head of Planning  
 Applications Group  
 Kent County Council  
 Dated: 22nd July 2012



### THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

### (THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY, VARIOUS ROADS) (RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS OF WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING)

### CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2010 (AMENDMENT NO 14)

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order under Sections 1, 2 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order shall come into effect on the 26th July 2012 and shall implement the following restrictions:

#### No waiting at any time on the following roads:

Beatty Road, both sides from a point 6.8 metres north east of its junction with Beatty Close to a point 6 metres south west of its junction with Page Place;

Beatty Close, both sides from its junction with Beatty Road, south east for a distance of 7 metres;

Page Place, both sides from its junction with Beatty Road, north west for a distance of 7 metres;

Holly Close, both sides from its junction with Ivy Way north west for a distance of 36 metres;

Ivy Way, both sides from a point 5.5 metres north east of its junction with Holly Close to a point 5.5 metres south west of that junction;

Canterbury Road, west side from a point 16 metres north west of its junction with Walton Manor Close, to a point 16 metres south of that junction;

Walton Manor Close, both sides, from its junction with Canterbury Road, west for a distance of 23 metres;

Wear Bay Road, both sides from a point 13 metres west of its western junction with Stanbury Crescent, to a point 12.5 metres east of that junction and then both sides from a point 14 metres west of its eastern junction with Stanbury Crescent, to a point 11.5 metres east of that junction;

Stanbury Crescent, both sides of both junctions with Wear Bay Road, north for a distance of 13 metres;

Dymchurch Road, north side, from its junction with Scanlons Bridge to a point 8 metres east of its junction with St Nicholas Road

#### No waiting at any time between 01 April - 30 September on the following roads:

Jointon Road; north west side, from its junction with Shorncliffe Road, south west for a distance of 105 metres and then south west side from a point 75 metres south west from its junction with Shorncliffe Road to a point 105 metres south west of that junction.

#### Provision of parking places for a maximum of 1 hour in any 3 hour period between 08:00 and 18:00 hours Monday to Saturday on the following roads:

Black Bull Road, north west side, from a point 17 metres north east of its junction with Bradstone Avenue to a point 34 metres north east of that junction

A copy of the made Order, a copy of any Orders which have been amended by it, and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing it can be inspected during normal office hours at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY, during normal office hours.

If you have any questions concerning the made Order or require further information please contact Shepway District Council (Transportation Department), Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY (01303 853240 during normal office hours).

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### THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

### (THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY, VARIOUS ROADS) (PROVISION OF ON-STREET DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING PLACES)

### CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 (AMENDMENT NO. 1)

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 32 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order shall come into effect on the 26th July 2012 and shall implement the following:

To install disabled persons' parking places in the vicinity of the following locations: - 7 Sir John Moore Avenue, Hythe; 26 Station Road, Lympne; 27 Blenheim Road, New Romney; 91 Morehall Avenue, Folkestone; 11 Garden Road, Folkestone; 1 Abbott Road, Folkestone; 3 New Street, Folkestone; 96 Marshall Avenue, Folkestone; 57 Mackenzie Drive, Folkestone; 43 Linden Crescent, Folkestone; 71 Bouverie Road West, Folkestone.

To revoke the following disabled persons' parking places: - 32 Church Road, Folkestone; 65 Morehall Avenue, Folkestone; 22 Royal Military Avenue, Folkestone; 5 Woodfield Avenue, Folkestone; 188 Seabrook Road, Hythe.

A copy of the made Order, a copy of any Orders which have been amended by it, and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing it can be inspected during normal office hours at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY, during normal office hours.

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## HIGHWAYS

## HIGHWAYS - In the area of Ashford

**CANTERBURY ROAD, BRABOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Canterbury Road, Brabourne, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases between the junctions with Pound Lane and The Street.

The alternative routes depend on which part of Canterbury Road is closed, and are as follows.

Whilst closed between Pound Lane and Manor Pound Lane, diversion via Canterbury Road, Plain Road, Lees Road, and Manor Pound Lane

Whilst closed between Manor Pound Lane and The Street, diversion via Manor Pound Lane, Weekes Lane, Pilgrims Way and Stock Lane.

Please note that there will be a further one day closure in August or September for surface dressing works.

**CHURCH ROAD, WAREHORNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Road, Warehorne, on or after 27 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks.

The road will be closed between the junction with the B2067 and Sycamore House.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2067 Kenardington Road, Appledore Road, Church Lane, Firs Lane, Hogg Lane and Arrowhead Lane.

Although the road will be closed to through traffic, every effort will be made to maintain as much access as possible for residents within the area affected by the works.

**HIGHFIELD LANE, MERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Highfield Lane, Mersham, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 4 months or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with A20 Hythe Road and Church Road.

The alternative route is via A20 Hythe Road, Willesborough Interchange, B2070 Bad Munstereifel Road and Church Road.

**ROCK HILL ROAD, EGERTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to replace a culvert, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rock Hill Road, Egerton, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 2 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the track to the south of Rock Hill Bungalow and Bourn Field Farm, with no access for through traffic between the junctions with Stone Hill Road and New Road.

The alternative route is via New Road, Egerton Road, Smarden Road, The Pinnock and Munday Bois Lane.

## HIGHWAYS - In the area of Canterbury

**CYCLE TRACK FROM BEACONSFIELD ROAD PATH TO BEACONSFIELD ROAD, CANTERBURY (RESTRICTIONS ON CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through use by cyclists and pedestrians of the Cycle Track from Beaconsfield Road Path to Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The closure affects the full length of cycle path, with limited access up to the point of closure.

The alternative route is via Beaconsfield Road Path and Beaconsfield Road.

**CHESTFIELD ROAD, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chestfield Road, Whitstable, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the A2990 Chestfield Roundabout, for a distance of approximately 20 metres southwards.

There will be no access for through traffic between Canterbury and Whitstable, using this route.

The alternative route is via, A290 Clapham Hill, Pean Hill, Honey Hill, Blean Common, Blean Hill, Tile Kiln Hill, Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill, Whitstable Road, Forty Acres Road, Beaconsfield Road and St Stephen's Hill. Local access to Chestfield via A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, Millstrood Road and South Street.

**ELHAM VALLEY ROAD, BARHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Elham Valley Road, Barham, on or after 26 July 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed south of the junction with Derringstone Hill for a distance of approximately 1800 metres southwards.

The alternative route is via Canterbury Road, High Street, Elham, New Road, Canterbury Road, Broad Street, Station Road, Canterbury Road, Beachborough, A20 Ashford Road, B2064 Cheriton High Street, Cheriton Road, A2034 Cherry Garden Avenue, A259 Churchill Avenue, A260 Canterbury Road, Spitfire Way, Canterbury Road, The Street, Canterbury Road, Old Dover Road, A2 Dover Road, Bourne Park Slip Road, Coldharbour Lane, Bonny Bush Hill, Black Robin Lane, Valley Road, Derringstone Hill and Elham Valley Road.

Please note that these dates differ from those initially publicised.

**ST MILDRED'S PLACE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Mildred's Place, Canterbury, on or after 27 July 2012 for up to 1 day, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Victoria road and Martyrs' Field Road.

The alternative routes are

Eastbound via Victoria Road, A28 Wincheap, Gordon Road and Martyrs' Field Road

Westbound via Martyrs' Field Road, York Road, A28 Wincheap and Victoria Road

## HIGHWAYS - In the area of Dartford and Gravesham

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A2260 HALL ROAD, NORTHFLEET AND SOUTHFLEET) (CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO SEGREGATED CYCLE TRACK) HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**  
**(A2260 HALL ROAD AND HALL ROAD, NORTHFLEET) (TOUCAN CROSSINGS) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under sections 65 and 66 (1) of the Highways Act 1980 and all other enabling powers, intends to remove the existing cycle lane from the north western carriageway of the A2260 Hall Road, Northfleet and Southfleet; and install a new cycle track with segregated pedestrian / cycle facilities on the north western footway instead from a point 72 metres north east of the mid point of its roundabout junction with Station Road to a point 30 metres south west of the common boundary between numbers 47 and 49, which is a distance of 152 metres; and

under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers, intends to install Toucan Crossings on Hall Road, Northfleet and A2260 Hall Road Northfleet and Southfleet, Kent. The Toucan Crossing on the A2260 Hall Road is located on the north western carriageway, approximately 120 metres north east of the mid point of its roundabout junction with Station Road and the Toucan Crossing on Hall Road is located approximately 60 metres south east of the mid point of its roundabout junction with B262 Springhead Road, Northfleet.

The purpose of the scheme is to provide a safe place for pedestrians and cyclists to cross as there are concerns over safety within the area. The existing pedestrian

island is used by an increased number of cyclists, school children and shoppers using nearby facilities and a high population from the surrounding residential housing estates.

Toucan Crossings are designed for both pedestrians and cyclists and are typically used adjacent to a shared use footway (Cyclists are not allowed to cross the road using Zebra, Pelican or Puffin crossings). There is a green cycle symbol alongside the green man and the crossing time is established each time by on-crossing detectors. The pedestrians and cyclists in the area would therefore benefit from the introduction of a Toucan Crossing to assist with the high pedestrian / cycle movements throughout the area.

All previous Orders made by The Kent County Council with reference to the existing cycle lane which runs on the north western carriageway A2260 Hall Road, Northfleet from a point 110 metres north east of the mid point of its roundabout junction with Station Road to a point 30 metres south west of the common boundary between numbers 47 and 49 are hereby revoked.

Jacobs Engineering UK LTD, has been commissioned by the Council to publish the Notice of intent at the same time as providing notification to all interested parties and complies with the requirements of Section 23(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984.

Copies of the plan showing this proposal an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, at Gravesend Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, 132 Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU and at Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR. The documents are also available to see on the Kent County Council website.

Anyone wishing to support, or object to the proposal to remove the existing cycle lane and introduce a new cycle track on the A2260 Hall Road, Northfleet and Southfleet should write to Diane Bourne, Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB quoting the name of the Order and reference No "B1804700" and stating their reasons, by not later than Monday 13th August 2012.

## HIGHWAYS - In the area Dover

**CHURCH STREET, SANDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Street, Sandwich, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 8 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases working from the junction with Delf Street towards the junction with Strand Street.

The alternative routes for through traffic are Northbound via Delf Street, Hamet Street and Strand Street.

Southbound via Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, New Street and Delf Street.

## WEST STREET, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on West Street, Deal, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 6 months, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases between the junctions with Stanhope Road and Western Road.

The alternative route is via A258 Queen Street, Albert Road and Western Road.

The lengths of the various phases are subject to weather and ground conditions. The exact dates will be notified to local residents and signposted on site.

## VARIOUS ROADS, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER JULY 2012

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in Deal, on or after 23 July 2012, as shown below.

**BEACONSFIELD ROAD** will be closed from 23 July for up

to 3 days, between 7.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The closure will be between the junctions with Victoria Road and Blenheim Road.

The alternative route is via Victoria Road, Sondes Road, Prince of Wales Terrace, Broad Street, Queen Street and Blenheim Road.

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order on Beaconsfield Road to allow access from Blenheim Road, when safe to do so.

**BLENHEIM ROAD** will be closed from 30 July for 2 days

The closure will be between the junctions with Wellington Road and Hope Road.

The alternative route is via Queen Street, Broad Street, Prince of Wales Terrace, Deal Castle Road and Gilford Road.

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order on Beaconsfield Road to allow traffic to exit onto Victoria Road.

**GLADSTONE ROAD** will be closed 1 August for 3 days

The closure will be between the junctions with The Strand and Blenheim Road.

The alternative route is via A258 The Strand, Gilford Road and Blenheim Road.

## HIGHWAYS - In the area Gravesham

**CRUTCHES LANE, HIGHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of installation of a new drainage connection , Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting

through traffic on Crutches Lane, Higham , on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 9 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic from 500 meters from the junction with A226 Gravesend Road.

The alternative route is via Gravesend Road, Red Court Road and Watling Street

## HIGHWAYS - In the area of Maidstone

**BEECHEN BANK ROAD AND BOXLEY ROAD, BOXLEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to change the speed limit to 40mph, signing, carriageway surfacing and lining, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Beechen Bank Road and Boxley Road, Boxley, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Woodlands to Walderslade Woods.

The alternative route is via Walderslade Woods, Fostington Way, Robin Hood Lane (lower).

## FAIRBOURNE LANE, HARRIETSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to lay a new high voltage cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Fairbourne Lane, Harrietham, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Fairbourne Mill and Bramble Cottage.

The alternative route is via A20 Ashford Road, East Street, Sandway Road, Headcorn Road, Lenham Road.

## WARREN STREET, LENHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of drainage improvement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Warren Street, Lenham, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Payden Street and Waterditch Lane.

For further information, please contact

Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,

on 08458 247 800 (local rate)

or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)



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The alternative route is via Waterditch Lane, Coldharbour Lane, Bunce Court Road.

### MILL LANE, WEST STREET, HUNTON HILL, UPPER HUNTON HILL, HUNTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mill Lane, West Street, Hunton Hill, Upper Hunton Hill, Hunton, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The roads will be closed between Benover Road and B2163 Heath Road.

The alternative route is via B2163 Heath Road, Ewell Lane, B2010 Smith's Hill/Yalding Hill/High Street, B2162 Benover Road.

### HIGHWAYS - In the area Sevenoaks

#### FOUR ELMs ROAD, EDENBRIDGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of allowing a safe working environment whilst routine railway bridge maintenance works are undertaken on behalf of network rail, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Four Elms Road, Edenbridge, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction of Wayside Drive to the junction of Swan Lane and there will be no access for through traffic between these junctions.

The alternative route is via: Swan Lane, B2026 Station Road.

#### HALL HILL, SEAL, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hall Hill, Seal, Sevenoaks, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Red Lane to Park Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions from Red Lane to Park Lane.

The alternative route is via approaching from the west, diversion is west along Grove Road, then south along Park Lane, east along Bitchett Green Road and finally west along Stone Street Road and Hall Hill. The traffic approaching from the east is the same but reversed

#### HARTFIELD ROAD (TEMPORARY 30MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to reducing the speed limit to 30mph to facilitate watermains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic travelling a greater speed than 30mph on Hartfield Road from the junction of Spode Lane to outside Kent Water Cottages on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 4 months or until the works have been completed.

#### HOPGARDEN LANE, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to the installation of a High Voltage cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hopgarden Lane, Sevenoaks, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed along Hopgarden Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic on Hopgarden Lane between the junctions of Grassy Lane and Ashgrove Road.

The alternative route is via Ashgrove Road, Oak Lane, Grassy Lane and vice versa.

### HIGHWAYS - In the area of Sevenoaks and Tonbridge & Malling

#### (VARIOUS ROADS, SEVENOAKS AND TONBRIDGE & MALLING)

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

**The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on 6th August 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.**

#### Schedule

**Road Name:** Shipbourne Road, Sevenoaks  
**Extent:** Underiver House Road to Ridings Lane  
**Dates:** Start: 6th August 2012  
 End: 6th August 2012  
**Diversion:** Underiver House Road, Mill Lane, Vines Lane, Ridings Lane vice versa

**Road Name:** Ridings Lane, Hildenborough  
**Extent:** Hildenborough Road to Wilderness Plantation  
**Dates:** Start: 22nd August 2012  
 End: 27th August 2012  
**Diversion:** Hildenborough Road, Underiver House Road, Mill Lane, Vines Lane, Ridings Lane vice versa

**Road Name:** Carters Hill, Sevenoaks  
**Extent:** Underiver House Road to Mill Lane  
**Dates:** Start: 3rd September 2012  
 End: 28th September 2012  
**Diversion:** Carters Hill, Underiver House Road, Mill Lane, Carters Hill vice versa

**Road Name:** Underiver House Road, Sevenoaks  
**Extent:** Hildenborough Road to Rooks Hill  
**Dates:** Start: 1st October 2012  
 End: 12th October 2012  
**Diversion:** Underiver House Road, Mill Lane, Carters Hill, Underiver House Road vice versa

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the installation of a new water main and the works are to be undertaken by South East Water. For further information or comment please call Gerald Dale on 01322 394414.

### HIGHWAYS - In the area Swale

#### BOXTED LANE, NEWINGTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage improvement works to alleviate flooding, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Boxted Lane, Newington, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Ashfield Court Farm, to the north of the junction with School Lane / Brickfields.

The alternative route is via Breach Lane, A2 London Road, Church Lane, School Lane and Boxted Lane.

#### CROWN ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crown Road, Sittingbourne, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

**CROWN ROAD** will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Beechwood Avenue.

The alternative routes are

Westbound via High Street and B2005 St Paul's Street  
 Eastbound via B2005 St Paul's Street, Mill Way, Saffron Way, North Street and High Street.

**BEECHWOOD AVENUE** will be closed at the junction with Crown Road.

The alternative route for this aspect is via Dean Road, Windmill Road and B2006 Staplehurst Road.

#### WATER LANE, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Water Lane, Faversham, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Ospringe Street.

The alternative route is via A2 Ospringe Street, Faversham Road, Coxett Hill, Abbot's Hill and Water Lane.

### HIGHWAYS - In the area of Thanet

#### ADDISCOMBE ROAD AREA, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Addiscombe Road, Margate, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks, as detailed below.

**ADDISCOMBE ROAD** will be closed in phases working from the junction with St Peter's Road / College Road as far as the junction with Wharfdale Road.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2052 College Road, Upper Dane Road and Addiscombe Road. Access will be maintained to Addiscombe Gardens, with the direction of approach signposted on site.

**DURBAN ROAD** will be closed at the junction with Addiscombe Road throughout these works, with access available from College Road.

**ST PETER'S FOOTPATH** will be closed at its eastern junction with Addiscombe Road when the works reach this point, with access via Durban Road.

**B2052 COLLEGE ROAD** - there will be No Waiting at any time on the south side of College Road from the existing No Waiting Restrictions eastwards to the junction with St Peter's Footpath.

#### BALLIOL ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide an electricity supply to a new development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Balliol Road, Broadstairs, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 4 days, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed to the west of the junction with Old Green Road.

The alternative route is via Beacon Road and Reading Street.

#### MINSTER LEVEL CROSSING, MINSTER, THANET (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Minster Level Crossing, Minster, Thanet, on or after 25 July 2012 for up to 2 nights, as shown below.

Marsh Farm Road will be closed at Minster Level Crossing.

The closures are planned for

**Wednesday 25 July** at 11.30 pm through until 5.00 am

**Thursday 26 July** at 11.30 pm through until 5.00 am

There is no alternative route as this is a No Through Road. Every effort will be made to allow any essential access.

#### A255 NETHERCOURT HILL, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To prevent traffic congestion during gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting waiting on A255 Nethercourt Hill, Ramsgate, as shown below.

Waiting will be prohibited at all times on any sections of Nethercourt Hill that are currently unrestricted.

These restrictions will only be imposed if needed, and will then be indicated by no waiting cones or by double yellow lines on the sections of road affected.

This Order takes effect on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 6 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

#### SOND ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL, QUEX PARK (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

In the interests of road safety for the Sound Island Music Festival at Quex Park, Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic on Manston Road and Margate Hill, Birchington, on or after 28 July 2012 for up to 2 nights, as shown below.

The B2050 Manston Road will be closed to through traffic between the junctions with Shottendane Road and Park Lane / Acol Hill, with managed access only, for traffic attending the music festival.

Margate Hill will be closed to through traffic, with event-bound traffic initially directed north eastwards to reach the event, then subsequently directed south westwards to leave.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2050 Manston Road, B2190 Spitfire Way, Minster Road, The Street and Acol Hill.

The Order allows for restrictions on both Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 July, but it is envisaged that the restrictions will only be applied on Sunday 29 July, and will be in force when the relevant signage is displayed on site.

#### RUMFIELDS ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting eastbound traffic on Rumfields Road, Broadstairs, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed eastbound only (towards Bromstone), between the junctions with A256 Westwood Road, A255 Broadstairs Road, Fairfield Road and Rumfields Road.

Westbound traffic is unaffected.

#### TOHILL STREET, MINSTER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Tothill Street, Minster, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Rose Gardens and High Street / Monkton Road.

The alternative routes are via Foxborough Lane, Bedlam Court Lane, Church Street and High Street or via Monkton Road, Monkton Street, Willets Hill and A299 Canterbury Road West.

### HIGHWAYS - In the area of Tonbridge & Malling

#### THE GROVES, SNODLAND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Groves, Snodland, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Dryland Road and Pout Road.

The alternative route is via Dryland Road, Freelands Road, St Benedict Road.

#### HILDEN PARK ROAD, HILDENBOROUGH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hilden Park Road, Hildenborough, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with B245 Tonbridge Road.

The alternative route is via B245 Tonbridge Road, Stacey Road.

#### ROCHESTER ROAD, WOULDHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

#### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT cabling works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rochester Road, Wouldham, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Scarborough Lane and Knowle Road.

The alternative route is via Knowle Road, High Street, Maidstone Road, A229 Blue Bell Hill, Pilgrims Way.

For further information, please contact

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## HIGHWAYS

## HIGHWAYS - In the area of Tunbridge Wells

CORNFORD LANE & HALLS HOLE ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to construct a new traffic signalled junction, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cornford Lane & Hall's Hole Road, Tunbridge Wells, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic on Cornford Lane from the junction of Hall's Hole Road for 100m in an easterly direction, and on Hall's Hole Road from the junction of A264 Pembury Road to Cornford Lane.

The alternative route is via Hall's Hole Road, Bayhall Road, A264 Pembury Road.

## FURNACE LANE, HORSMONDON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary for ditch clearance and to install a new culvert, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Furnace Lane, Horsmondon, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 8 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed approximately 150m north west of Gibbet Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of B2162 Maidstone Road and Furnace Lane.

The alternative route is via Furnace Lane, Yew Tree Green Road, B2162 Maidstone Road, The Heath.

## MARDEN ROAD, CRANBROOK (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Marden Road, Cranbrook, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of A262 Goudhurst Road to outside a property "Harewood".

The alternative route is via A262 Goudhurst Road, Colliers Green Road.

John Burr  
Director Kent Highways  
Invicta House  
County Hall,  
Maidstone  
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 22nd July 2012

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## MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND  
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004  
APPROVED PREMISES FOR  
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: Westerham Golf Club, Valence Park, Brasted Road, Westerham

Applicant: Ben Hammond

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Cath Anley  
Head of Libraries, Registration and Archives  
Kent History and Library Centre  
James Whatman Way  
Maidstone, ME14 1LQ

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APPROVED PREMISES FOR  
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: The Manor Gatehouse, Priory Road, Dartford  
Applicant: Sharon Birch

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY &amp; VILLAGE GREENS

## PROW - BOROUGH OF DARTFORD

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH DR1

IN THE PARISH OF STONE

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH DR1)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath DR1, from its junction with Claire Causeway / Crossways Boulevard to Thames Street, from the 16th July 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months. The path is to be closed because construction works are planned near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is to continue east along Crossways Boulevard, and then north for approximately 80 metres along Thames Street to re-join DR1 at this point, and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Mrs Olivia Bonham

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Dated: 22nd July 2012

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## PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

## LICENSING ACT 2003

## Application for Premises Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I Mr Tomasz Swiezawski have applied to Medway Council for a premises licence in respect of the premises known as Kubus Convenience, 88 High Street, Chatham, ME4 4DS for:

Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises

From 08:00 to 23:00 Daily

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to the Licensing Unit, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR by 9 August 2012.

A copy of the application is kept by the Licensing Unit, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR. The application can be viewed Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm, except bank holidays.

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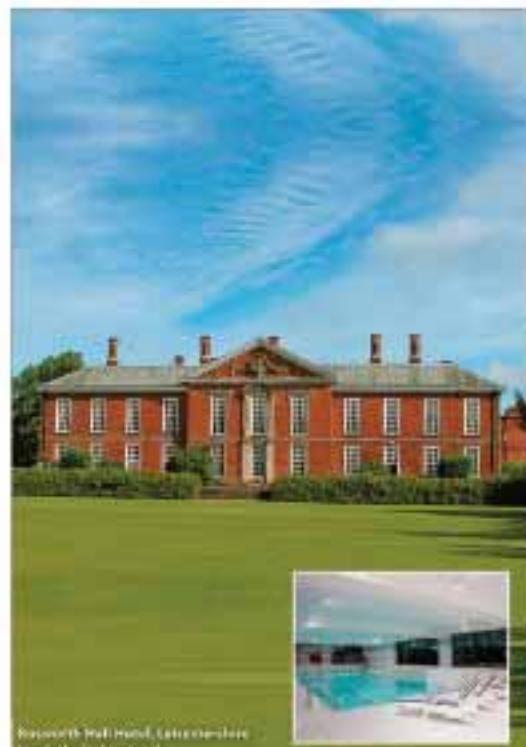
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## THE INTERVIEW

Stephen Holt

# Back on the Inspiral Carpet

WITH the shock return of Madchester front runners The Stone Roses and the resurrection of bands like Blur and Happy Mondays, it is hard to escape the feeling that we are in some way returning to the glorious indie days of Britpop.

Stars of the late 80s and early 90s are popping up across the summer-festival line-ups, and no more so than at the Sound Island Festival at Quex Park, near Birchington, where no fewer than six bands have signed up for a Britpop reunion show.

Leading the pack of duffle-coat-clad rockers are Manchester's Inspiral Carpets, fronted by Stephen Holt.

"It will be great – let's just hope the weather holds off. It is a bit of a Manchester versus Liverpool thing. There is James and us, Echo and the Bunnymen, Space, The Farm and Cast, so a Merseyside versus Manchester music off.

"There is a lot of debate at the moment, with us coming back and The Stone Roses and Happy Mondays.

"Some people say – although I don't agree with it – that modern music and the stuff that is around at the moment can't be any good because everybody keeps going back to the late 80s and 90s. Everyone harks back to a 20-year period and people say 'Oh yeah, it was magical in those days and the music was brilliant'.

"There is obviously a love and a need for that Britpop-era music again, but I don't think it weakens the argument of either era. There are some great new bands I love and that are doing really well and there is an appetite for that, but I think there is also an appetite for people going back and listening to older stuff.

"We did it in the 80s, too, relistening to 60s music and remembering, but it doesn't mean that one is better than the other."

The frontman, who formed the band in 1983, was one of the main figures on the Madchester scene, with the Carpets gaining a large fan base that included the likes of DJ John Peel.

Holt left the band in 1990 and went on to form The Rainkings before eventually returning to complete the original Inspiral Carpets line-up in 2011. And the group are back producing

Band's frontman talks to **Joe Bill** about the growing revival of 80s Britpop



music, touring the world and selling out gigs, much like their Britpop counterparts.

"I still listen to loads of new stuff and am going out to see new bands and downloading new stuff as well. But what I have noticed now is there doesn't seem to be any divide between 'I like indie, or rock, or dance' – it seems everyone listens to everything.

"And I think this goes for the bands that are around now, too, as they have a wide range of influences and aren't defined. There's probably a bit of a gap now with those people into one kind of genre, like indie, and the likes of The Stone Roses or Happy Mondays or us are filling it."

And since returning to form last year, Inspiral Carpets have bagged gigs in Europe, South America and a number of UK festivals, with their legions of fans still turning out to hear the indie-rockers play their big hits like This Is How It Feels and Dragging Me Down.

"Our fans have just got fatter and balder," said Holt. "There are still young people in our audiences. And I'm sure there are still young fans who want a taste of the Britpop era, but generally the people who watch us were probably around in the early days.

"We're all still based in Manchester and it's buzzing up here at the moment. We are getting some really good bands coming through. I was listening to [BBC] 6 Music and there was a young rapper saying that there's a huge rap scene in Manchester at the moment.

"But there's still a lot of indie and I think they are trying to get together and re-create that sort of old Madchester thing."

Madchester, or even Manchester, has become a big player in British music, with The Charlatans and Oasis maintaining the trend and representing the city's rocking roots all the way through the 90s and into the Noughties.

"It's weird looking back at that era because back then it was just the norm, everyone being around and in bands," said Holt. "There used to be a club called The Boardwalk, which was an indie venue where I and the other Carpets used to hang around. They had rehearsal rooms, too, and Happy Mondays would use them.

"I wasn't much of a Hacienda person myself, but loads of bands and people rose up in there. We were just having a laugh, getting up and doing gigs and then going to see other people perform. Looking back now, I see it was something special, but you don't realise it at the time."

The Carpets have already run a mini tour in the UK and, like Blur and The Stone Roses, have produced new material.

Holt said: "I left the band in the early 90s and had a break for 20-odd years. I keep telling everyone that I popped out of rehearsals for a pint of milk and never returned.

"But we've been writing new stuff and released the single You're So Good For Me in November on iTunes and came out on vinyl in March and that has done OK. Hopefully, we'll

release some other bits early next year."

And with Happy Mondays returning, the Carpets also thought it would be a good idea to tour with them.

"They have calmed down loads. Bez is still a little wild, but he's doing more DJ-ing now. The rest of the lads are very calm and got their heads back in gear and on the music."

One reason the Carpets' name has stood the test of time is their links with Oasis guitarist Noel Gallagher, who was their roadie for a time in the early 90s.

"Everyone speaks really fondly of Noel and he has spoken fondly of his time with us."

And as the date in Thanet fast approaches, Holt is keen to show fans they have still got it.

"I think fans coming to us for the first time will be treated to a really good show. Back when we started we were a bit of a garage band and a bit punky and used to get on stage and thrash out some tunes. But everyone admits we lost that over the years and went into a bit of a ballad-type band like Coldplay or Snow Patrol.

"But since coming back we've returned to our roots and we're lively and get the audience involved and smash out some hits."

• **The Inspiral Carpets gig will be at the Sound Island Festival, Quex Park, which runs on Saturday and Sunday, July 28-29. For details, or to book tickets, visit [www.gigantic.com](http://www.gigantic.com) or phone 0844 888 9991. Tickets can also be booked by visiting Margate Winter Gardens.**

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# Contest rewards a growing interest in art

**W**HILE all eyes fell on the capital for this month's London Olympic Games, six groups of Kent primary-schoolchildren were limbering up for a very different kind of competition.

The youngsters were taking part in the live final for Create A Fruit & Veg Masterpiece 2012 at Broadview Gardens, Hadlow.

The six finalists beat their way past 250 entrants from across the county as the Produced in Kent-inspired art competition got into full flow, with TV's top food art photographer Carl Warner looking on.

Competing for gold, silver and bronze medals, the pupils re-created their entries in front of the judges, using only fruit and vegetables grown locally and in season in the Garden of England.

Julie Monkman, manager of Produced in Kent, said: "There have been many initiatives to



try to engage young children with their environment and eating healthy, from mothers' 'eat your greens' to '5-A-Day'. This competition has shown you can make eating healthily, locally and seasonally entertaining and engaging."



In the individual category a gold medal went to Adam Hood, seven, from Hever primary; Joshua Beesley, who is home-schooled, won silver; and five-year-old Will Beverley, also from Hever primary, won bronze.

In the group category the gold medal went to Class 6W, St Katherine's, Snodland; silver to the All Saints C of E primary school's allotment club, Chatham; and bronze to Class 2T, Ashford Friars.

As well as their medals and

a delicious afternoon tea provided by abm Catering at Broadview Tearooms, the children walked away with an armful of fantastic prizes. These included framed food-art pictures and books from Carl Warner, a signed book

**WELL DONE:** Clockwise from left: Carl Warner with individual winner Adam Hood; group winners St Katherine's; silver winners from All Saints; bronze stars Will Beverly and Ashford Friars; the group winning entry

from double-gold-medallist Dame Kelly Holmes and gardening goodies from Broadview Garden Centre.

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## Be a hero and help a hero Music festival

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THE third annual Herofest will take place at the end of this month to raise money for the Help For Heroes charity, which looks after injured soldiers as they return from serving their country.

Herofest is a charity music festival held at The Red Lion in Gravesend and has already raised more than £6,000 for the organisation in the past couple of summers.

There are four stages at the venue and each one will have bands on until 10pm, followed by the headline acts on the main stage, who this year are local bands Stone Wire and Bad Sign.

There will be a whopping 45 acts throughout the day, with all proceeds going to Help For Heroes.

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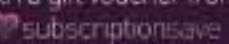


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# Suzuki strikes back in the supermini sector as two upgrades cause a stir

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# Driving

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HONDA has finally come up with just the little piece of improvisation that its Jazz supermini-cum-MPV needed.

Long a favourite for its versatility and space, the Jazz still lacked something in the image department – the new and sporty-looking Si version (£14,550) rectifies that.

The Japanese marque is calling the Si a limited edition, which is a great way of starting a stampede to showrooms before they all go, but it's actually hard to see it disappearing unless replaced by yet another sporty special.

Just to quicken the pace of demand further, the Si is also being offered on a zero per cent private lease deal (PCP) of £149 per month with a 27 per cent deposit.

The Jazz (from £11,605) is one Honda's best sellers, no doubt helped by the car wearing a Made in Britain stamp courtesy of manufacture at the brand's Swindon plant, but it's also famous for its Tardis-like capacity within relatively compact dimensions and clever packaging such as pull-up rear seat bases, allowing extra stowage or side-loading of a bicycle, for instance.

All this has translated into a string of awards, most recently the JD Power customer satisfaction and reliability survey's supermini of the year and Which? best used supermini.

However, the car has struggled a little for style and image, something the Si rectifies.

For a start, it will only be sold in sharp colours – black, bright red, white and bright blue – and wears bespoke sports bumpers and side skirts, privacy glass and 16-inch alloys.

It's not all cosmetics, though: the suspension has been beefed up to deliver improved straight-line stability and body control, while the electric power-steering has been tweaked for improved feel and response.

Nevertheless, Honda insists these driver-pleasing changes have not been made at the expense of the standard car's ride and long-distance refinement.

The interior also gets the Si treatment, with a leather-trimmed steering wheel, bespoke black and silver supportive seats and cruise control.

A Si-T flagship version is also available for £15,545 and benefits from the addition of sat-nav and integrated Bluetooth.

The Si is based on the existing 1.4ES model (£13,750), which has a 98bhp petrol engine and five-speed gearbox and is capable of averaging more than 50mpg.

No diesels are offered in the Jazz line-up – not that Driving is a fan of small diesels as they cost more upfront and rarely recoup that extra cash by covering enough miles to enjoy the engine's superior economy against a petrol unit.

And that same argument may also apply to Honda's eco alternative for the Jazz, a petrol-electric hybrid from £16,300 and averaging about 10mpg more than the 1.4-litre unit on the Si but only slightly faster in acceleration.



HONDA JAZZ SI

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Driving appeal:



Image:



Space:



Value:



Running costs:



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How green?:



Best rival:

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## Jazz plays sporty new theme



ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS:  
The Si is welcomed by drivers and dealers alike for bringing style to an already award-winning model

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... the way the Jazz has been allowed to plod along with a slightly dreary look and image when there is an award-winning car underneath

... this ordinary image can be turned around overnight, but the launch of the Si is certainly a shot in the arm, welcomed by buyers and sellers

... the underlying honesty and practicality of the British-built Jazz and it's pleasing to see this sexier and smarter Si variation. More please...



## OLYMPICS

# Running to keep fit for football leads to Olympic stardom for ace Gemili

By Greg Miles

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A lot can change in a year, just ask British sprinting sensation Adam Gemili.

A little over 12 months ago the Dartford teenager was scraping the dried mud off his boots getting ready for some hard running in pre-season training with Dagenham & Redbridge.

Now he is a week away from starring in the biggest sporting spectacle on the planet having taken the 100m by storm in the last two months - culminating in a gold-medal winning run in the World Junior Championships in Barcelona last week.

That run also made him the fastest ever Brit for his age, beating Dwain Chambers' 15 year record of 10.06.

The 18-year-old Blackheath and Bromley AC ace has admitted his rise to fame has been a surprise even for him.

"I'm very surprised," he said. "Everything has escalated in the last six to eight weeks, and I've become well known, but I'm enjoying it."

"I was only really doing it to get fit for football, I never expected to run anywhere near where I have been able to run."

"This time a year ago I had just started getting into pre-season training so I never expected to have any of this."

With one Gold medal already in the bag public expectation has understandably soared, but the level-headed former Chelsea apprentice insists there is no pressure on him.

"I'm just really enjoying it, just making the most of it, because it won't last forever," he said. "While people want to talk to me I'm loving it."

"I'm not setting myself any goals, or saying I'm going to get to this or that round, I'm going for the experience."

"I know I'm in shape and with the times I'm running hopefully I can run even quicker than I have done."

"Everyone is really excited for the Olympics, people are expecting me to perform, but I don't feel the expectations to get a medal or make the final."

"I'm going there to have fun and get a good experience, to do my best, and if that gets me to the semi-final then that's what happens."

His experience in Barcelona has made him even more excited for what lays ahead in east London.

"It's given me a lot of confidence, the championships were amazing, the Olympics is going to be a thousand times better."

"I couldn't believe it, I saw 10.05s, and I was in bits, I was so happy, I was jumping up and down, I was loving it."

It would be easy for such achievements to go to a young man's head, however the support that Gemili has in place means his feet are firmly on the ground and he is already thinking about post-Olympic life.

"I put it down to my parents if I'm honest with you," he said. "My family are so great in keeping me on the right path, if it happened to another athlete they might get big headed and have a big ego, but they keep me level headed."

"The academic side of things was a big part of my upbringing. When I was younger and playing for Chelsea (the club) they wanted me to take time off school, but we left the club because my parents wanted me to get a good education so I thank my mum because I wouldn't be

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**EXCITED:**  
Gemili is expecting the Olympics to be a thousand times better than Barcelona last week where he set a new championship record in the 100m World Junior Championship final

## DARTFORD DAYS NOT A DISTANT MEMORY

JUST a few years ago Adam Gemili fell over as he crossed the finishing line because his technique was a bit rusty - mind you he still won the race.

But it's a reminder of just how far he has come on his journey to Gold at the World Junior Championships.

It's a story being regularly told at Dartford Grammar School where Gemili spent his teenage years.

"It wasn't until Year 10 that he began to realise he was half decent at it," recalls head of sport at the school Gary Jones.

"I really noticed when he won the regional athletics finals, he fell at the finish line because his technique was a bit untidy. He fell flat on his face and injured himself, he was supposed to do the long jump later that day."

Even a few years earlier he stuck out like a saw thumb in the school sports day.

"The thing that sticks in my mind is I said to the head teacher, 'watch this, this will be something special'."

"He was racing against two other lads from football clubs who were both fantastically fast, but he

obliterated them, absolutely destroyed them."

Gemili joined Blackheath and Bromley AC as he began to take the sport more seriously.

Men's team manager at the club Patrick Calnan said: "It's remarkable the progress he's made in such a short space of time."

"It's often said that footballers are not as fit as athletes, but you couldn't really say that about him when he joined."

"When I saw him run for the first time it was just raw talent."

here today otherwise.

"I'm hoping to go to university starting in September because I've just graduated from college. I want to study sports science, anatomy, it helps you figure out and learn more about your body."

Earlier this year he jetted off to the States to learn from the second fastest man in the world, Tyson Gay, which proved a valuable experience.

"I trained in April and March period in Florida, it was really good and a great experience seeing how they train, seeing what's different and the level they are at," he said.

"Everyone helped each other, we all joked

around with each other, he (Gay) gave me a few tips about my start, everyone was there to help."

The academic approach is one that is so often overlooked by professional sportsmen and women, but for now he is focusing on the Olympics, be it in reality or on screen when he plays athletics games on his Nintendo Wii.

"I play on the Playstation and watch a bit of telly. I chill out with my friends and try and relax," he said.

"We play the Sonic and Mario thing on the Wii as well which is good fun."

"I just try and recover, that's the main thing, just try and relax, because it's a mental sport."

## RISE TO FAME

### 2001-2008

Chelsea youth team

### 2008-2009

Reading youth team

### 2009-2011

Dagenham & Redbridge youth team

### JULY 2011

100m and 4x100m relay silver medallist at European Junior Championship

### AUGUST 2011

Played on loan at Conference South team Thurrock

### JANUARY 2012

Switched full time to athletics

### JUNE 2012

Ran 10.08s in the 100m in Germany and in doing so became fastest Brit this year

### JULY 2012

Ran 10.05s to win gold and set a new championship record in the 100m World Junior Championships in Barcelona

After quitting his first love in January he does still find time to play football with his friends albeit wrapped up in cotton wool, and admits it was a hard decision to make.

"I still miss football everyday, to stop playing it makes me sad, but the way it is at the moment I want to get on with it and enjoy," he said.

## Sport

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## FOOTBALL

# Brickies' phone off the hook as players vie to join squad

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JOINT Sittingbourne boss Danny Ward admits to being pleasantly surprised at how the rebuilding process has gone at the club.

He and his brother Jim were faced with recruiting nearly a full squad after taking over last month, but have been inundated with phone calls from players wanting to join, and while some moves have fallen through, Ward is pleased with the progress made.

"It's looking quite promising," he said. "They are all young, athletic and dynamic, but it wasn't when we got here."

"It's looking a lot better than I thought it would be, there are a lot of clubs having more trouble than we are."

"I am pleasantly surprised - they all told me the money wouldn't get a side together. The whole place is buzzing to be honest with you."

Deals were finalised this week for John Nwoko, Elie Kayambe, Jonathan Hogg, Curtis Winnett, Nick Tredwell, Bradley Spice, and Ashley Ulph for the forthcoming season, while he is hoping four more will join at the end of this week.

He begrudgingly had to let a number of trialists go as well after an in-house friendly on Tuesday night.

"It's a pity, because if we had a reserve side they could fight for their place," he said. "There was a bit of pressure on them, but we have signed some on dual registration and they will go to Kent league clubs."

"Some of the football at times was excellent, it



**CHANGE:** The match against the Academy has been re-scheduled to take place at Bourne Park

was the first time a lot of them had kicked a ball in a while. If their attitude wasn't right we would cast them aside, but everybody is doing what's asked of them."

Fans got to see just 45 minutes of them in action in their opening pre-season game last Saturday against Sittingbourne Academy as heavy

rain ended proceedings. However it has been rearranged to take place tomorrow in a noon kick-off at Bourne Park.

They will also play Milton and Fulston on Tuesday night in a 7.45pm kick-off at the same venue. It had previously been pencilled in to take place at Sittingbourne Academy.

## FOOTBALL

## Togetherness key to success as Town kick off pre-season

RAY Turner is hoping his new Faversham recruits can gel quickly as they head into their second pre-season game tomorrow.

The Lilywhites' starting line-up on Tuesday night in their first friendly against Canterbury City featured just two names that started last season.

Turner's side scored all three goals in the 2-1 loss as new boy Aidan Sherlock netted two own goals.

Turner was happy with the performance but knows they are in for a tougher test when they host Blue Square South side Welling United tomorrow.

"When we started there were just two from last year," he said. "It's a massive overhaul, we need to come together and do that quickly and get to know each other, that's what we've got to do."

"Most will be involved again on Saturday and we will have a look at a different way of playing."

The Wings go into the game having thrashed Cray Valley PM 6-0 on the same night Turner's side lost.

"It's going to be hard, but it will

Picture: IGOR KUPCO



**TEST:** Town face Welling tomorrow

be a good work out defensively, we will set ourselves up in a different way of playing, we want to be more adaptable at times."

He said it was unlikely any more players would be joining his side, but is hopeful of bringing in Herne Bay defender Toby Ashmore who played against Canterbury.

"He's come over and done a couple of training sessions, and we will see if we can do something," he said. "He's having a look here and hopefully we can get him on board."

"We are quite happy now and will work with what we have got."

## RUGBY

## Fun day to support family of former Sheppey player

A FAMILY fun day is being held at Sheppey Rugby Club tomorrow in memory of former player Steve Croall who died a year ago.

The 28-year-old prop was a well known figure in rugby circles having played to a high standard with Sheppey, Rotherham, London Welsh, Cambridge, and Westcombe Park.

The event has been organised to raise money for the Croally Croall Trust Fund, which will support his children.

First team coach Peter Oliver said: "He was massive in rugby, he was well known. We could not fit everybody in the church at his funeral. It should be a good day."

His brother Aston, who plays for Harlequins, has been growing a beard since the funeral and will do a sponsored shave on the day to raise funds.

There will also be a match against the Medway Dragons rugby league side, children's coaching sessions with Harlequins players, numerous stalls, a barbecue, live bands, a tug of war, face painting, and a disco.

Admission is £1, while children



**POPULAR:** Steve Croall in action

are free. Gates open at 10am at the club in Lower Road.

The Oliver Smith Appeal will also benefit from 25 per cent of the proceeds.

For more information about the trust fund visit [www.croallycroall-trustfund.co.uk](http://www.croallycroall-trustfund.co.uk).

## CRICKET



## All games called off for first time in eight years

NOT for eight years has Kent's regional cricket leagues suffered a complete washout.

All 60 of the fixtures around the county were abandoned, it's thought without even a ball being bowled, as the heavens opened across the south east last weekend.

The last time every single fixture was affected was on May 8, 2004 according to the records of league administrator Errol Valentine.

He said: "I would have thought it's an extremely rare occurrence. When we started the season in May there were hosepipe bans. Clubs were worried they wouldn't be able to produce wickets. It's all a bit of mess, we have been swamped with water ever since."

"Everyone is very despondent about it. Keeping a stiff upper lip is probably the best way of describing how people are dealing with it."

He warned that if games continued to get abandoned in the next month or so, serious consideration will have to be given to whether it would be fair to promote or relegate sides.

It nearly happened in 2001 as a result of a high number of postponements in the early part of the season, but the sun prevailed and the idea was scrapped.

"There haven't been any really massive scores, normally you would get some weekends where everyone gets 250 plus," he said. "It's not been a batter's year."

"There have been other years where we have had four or five abandoned matches, but if we have seven weeks of sunshine and complete cricket it won't stand out as being an unusual summer."

## KENT CRICKET LEAGUES

## DIVISION TWO

	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Linden Park	11	5	1	11	12	140
Catford and Cyphers	11	5	1	5	11	134
Bromley Common	11	5	0	7	15	126
Upchurch	11	4	2	16	17	125
Hayes	11	4	1	10	14	122
Gravesend	11	3	2	14	17	111
<b>Gore Court</b>	11	3	0	14	14	104
Dartford	11	3	0	9	19	92
Ashford Town	11	3	0	9	8	88
HSCB	11	1	2	17	27	84

## DIVISION FOUR

Cowdry	11	7	0	4	4	148
Sidcup	11	4	2	12	17	137
<b>Minster (Sheppey)</b>	11	5	0	5	15	136
Macknade	11	5	0	8	14	134
Nonington	11	5	2	13	9	134
<b>Rodmersham</b>	11	3	0	10	15	105
Bexleyheath	11	2	1	10	20	88
Rainham (Kent)	11	2	0	14	22	88
Gravesend RF	11	1	2	14	22	88
Bettenshanger CW	11	2	0	3	16	87

## DIVISION FIVE

OD CUACO	11	5	2	11	8	143
Orfham	11	5	1	7	12	125
R.A.C.S.	11	4	2	8	13	121
Chislehurst & West Kent	11	4	0	4	14	119
Bromley Town	11	4	0	5	8	109
Blackheath	11	4	0	8	11	103
Bickley Park	11	2	1	5	13	96
<b>Bapchild</b>	11	3	1	10	12	92
Deal Victoria & BC	11	1	2	16	17	77
Wickham Park	11	1	0	12	16	64

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